


**ANNUAL REPORT
OF
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**



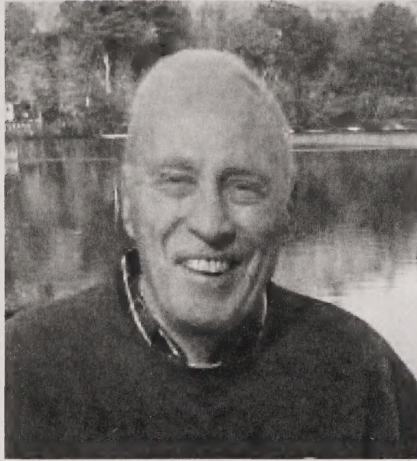
TOWN OF ORANGE
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR OF 2018



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Robert F. “Bob” Andrews

August 9, 1929 – February 21, 2019



Bob was a son of Evelyn (Gray) and Milton F. Andrews and grew up in Orange. He graduated from Orange High School as class president in 1947. After graduation, he chose to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Navy for 3 years. He then re-enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed in England during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning home, Bob married his best friend Patricia (Vorce) Andrews on July 30, 1955. They enjoyed many years together and raised their three daughters, Denise, Michelle, and Cheryl in the Town of Orange.

Bob had a 31-year career for New England Telephone, NYNEX, and Verizon as a lineman and construction supervisor in the Towns of Athol, Orange, and Templeton. He retired in 1985 and was blessed to share his 34-year very active retirement with Pat, his family and his friends.

Bob was very involved in the Orange community and supported many organizations. In 1996 he became a member of the Selectboard for the Town of Orange, a position in which he proudly served for 16 years. Bob was a dedicated husband, father, brother and uncle; a true gentleman to all. His deep respect for others and willingness to help those in need was unsurpassed. There wasn't a person or a project to which Bob wasn't willing to lend his time, talent, tools and services. His legacy will live on through the lives he touched and the many lessons he taught.

He was a member of the Central Congregational Church, Telephone Pioneers, Orange Alumni Association, American Legion Post #172, Orange Historical Society, and Chairman of the Town Hall Restoration and Veterans Monument Committees. He was active in the establishment of the Orange Recycling Center and the Orange Revitalization Partnership.

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DIRECTORY – ORANGE TOWN OFFICES

DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS	PHONE	FAX
Accountant	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x111	978-544-1120
Airport	80 Airport Road	977-544-8189	978-544-1126
Ambulance, Emergency Only		911	
Assessors	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x108	978-544-1120
Board of Health	135 East Main Street	978-544-1107	978-544-1138
Building Department	135 East Main Street	978-544-1105	978-544-1138
Cemetery Department	585 South Main Street	978-544-3681	
Collector	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x104	978-544-1134
Council on Aging/Senior Center	135 East Main Street	978-544-3481	
Fire Department – Headquarters	18 Water Street	978-544-3145	978-544-6476
Fire Department – To report a fire		911	
Highway Department	526 East River Street	978-544-1111	978-544-1141
Landfill/Recycling	25 Jones Street	978-544-1118	978-544-1120
Library – Moore-Leland	Athol Road	978-575-0444	
Library – Wheeler Memorial	49 East Main Street	978-544-2495	
Meal Site	135 East Main Street	978-544-7082	
Police Dept. – Emergency Only	400 East River Street	911	
Police Dept. – General Business	400 East River Street	978-544-2129	978-544-3070
School Dept. – Dexter Park	75 Dexter Street	978-544-6080	978-544-1123
School Dept. – Fisher Hill	59 Dexter Street	978-544-0018	978-544-5703
School Dept. – Kitchen	59 Dexter Street	978-544-1127	
School Dept. – Special Needs	507 South Main Street	978-544-6980	
School Dept. – Superintendent	507 South Main Street	978-544-6763	978-544-3450
School Dept. – Superintendent	507 South Main Street	978-544-1125	
Selectmen	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x106	978-544-1120
Town Administrator	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x103	978-544-1120
Town Clerk	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x101	978-544-1134
Treasurer	6 Prospect Street	978-544-1100, x103	978-544-1120
Waste Water Treatment Facility	295 West Main Street	978-544-1114	978-544-1120
Water & Sewer Billing	6 Prospect Street	978-555-1100, x102	978-544-1120
Water Department	16 West Myrtle Street	978-544-1115	978-544-1122

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 2018 ELECTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS

SELECTMEN

James E. Cornwell	March 2020
Jane Peirce	March 2020
Ryan W. Mailloux	March 2021
Thomas Smith	March 2021
	March 2019

MODERATOR

Christopher J. Woodcock	March 2019
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TOWN CLERK

Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC, CMMC	March 2020
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Jane M. Peirce	March 2021
Elizabeth Bouchard	March 2020
Patricia Pierson	March 2019

CONSTABLES

Randy Plante	March 2019
Arthur Savage	March 2019
James Gallagher	March 2019

ORANGE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Alexandre Schwanz	March 2020
Dianne Salcedo	March 2020
Stephanie J. Conrod	March 2021
	March 2021
Amy White	March 2019
	March 2019
Jessica Knox	March 2019

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Patricia A. Smith	March 2021
Chante M. Jillson	March 2021
Peter Cross	March 2019
Christopher Paul	March 2019
Rebecca Badgley	March 2020
Sunday Lefebvre	March 2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Maria M. Bull	March 2021
Nathaniel J. Johnson	March 2021
Candace Cross	March 2019
Sandra Johnson	March 2019
Joanne Woodcock	March 2020
Robin Shtulman	March 2020

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Michael F. Hume	March 2021
Donald W. Priestley	March 2020

Richard Herk, Jr.	March 2019
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Stephen P. Johnson	March 2020
George C.F. Willard	March 2019
James E. Cornwell	March 2021
TRUSTEE OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS	
Bruce St. John – Veteran	March 2020
James Cornwell – Veteran	March 2019
Michelle LeBlanc – Non Veteran	March 2019
Scott A. Hubbard – Veteran	March 2021
Christopher J. Marshall – Non Veteran	March 2021
HOUSING AUTHORITY	
(tenant)	March 2019
Olinto Paoletti	March 2020
Dawn Latulippe	March 2021
Tracy S. Gaudet	March 2022
Rice B. Flanders (Governor's Appointee)	May 22, 2011
APPOINTED BOARDS AND OFFICERS	
ACCOUNTANT	
Gail Weiss	October 2018
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (5)	
Rachel Gonzalez	March 2020
Elissa Miller	March 2021
John N. Moore, III	March 2021
Christian Hains	March 2019
James Hunt	March 2019
AIRPORT COMMISSION (5)	
Julie Cole	March 2021
Steven Canning	March 2019
Scott Parker	March 2019
Cain Blackbird	March 2020
Richard White	March 2020
ARMORY COMMISSION (5)	
Clifford Fournier	March 2020
Ken Reynolds	March 2020
Lynn Price	March 2019
William Ruby	March 2021
Paul Robichaud	March 2021
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	
Lisa Elliott	March 2019
Cynthia Brown	March 2020
Brenda Piro	March 2021
BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT	
Jami Kolosewicz	
BOARD OF REGISTRARS (3)	

Lenarda O'Loughlin	March 2020
Pamela Rogers	March 2021
Darren Alston	March 2019

BROWNFIELDS STEERING COMMITTEE

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Casey Bashaw	March 2018
Stephanie Conrod	March 2018
	March 2018
Walter Herk	March 2018
	March 2018
	March 2018
Leo Piro	March 2018
Ken Reynolds	March 2018
Richard Sheridan	March 2018
	March 2018

BUILDING DEPARTMENT
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Philip Harris

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Warren Jenks	March 2019
Keith Colturi (Alternate)	March 2019

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Casey Bashaw	March 2019
Michael Woodard (Alternate)	March 2019

BUTTERFIELD PLAYGROUND TASK FORCE

Susan Heinricher	Walter Herk
John Waters	Andrea Boyer, Alternate

BYLAW REVIEW COMMITTEE (5)

March 2019
March 2019
March 2020
March 2020
March 2018

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3)

Nancy M. Blackmer

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (5 plus alternate)

Rick Innes	March 2021
David Ames	March 2020
Jane Peirce	March 2019
James Cornwell	
Nathan Steinberg (Alternate)	March 2013

CHIEF OPERATOR, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

Edward Billiel

COLLECTOR

Kim Lively

CONSERVATION BOARD (7)

Nan Hunt	March 2020
Faye Vollinger	March 2020
	March 2018
	March 2018
	March 2019
Alec MacLeod	March 2019
	March 2019

COUNCIL ON AGING (9)

Henry Oertel	March 2019
Ken Reynolds	March 2019
Audrey McKenney	March 2019
Robert Carey	March 2020
Rebecca White	March 2020
Lynn Price	March 2020
Bonita Bradshaw	March 2021
Jeanette DeJackome	March 2021
Joanne Wheeler	March 2021

DISABILITY COMMISSION (5)

Alan Paige	March 2019
Michael Batutis	March 2021
Liz Rivera	March 2021
Nathaniel Johnson	March 2017

DOG OFFICER

March 2014

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORP. (7)

	July 2021
	July 2021
Karl Bittenbender	July 2019
Mark Wright	July 2019
Sara Lyman	July 2019
Richard Sheridan	July 2020
Marc Ostberg	July 2020

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

James Young	March 2019
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FINANCE COMMITTEE (7)

David Welenc	June 2021
Anthony Leger	June 2021
Kathy Reinig	June 2021
	June 2019
George D. Hunt	June 2019
Keith LaRiviere	June 2020
Kimberly Emond	June 2020

FIRE CHIEF

James Young March 2019

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

William Gale

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

James Young March 2017

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

William Gale March 2017

Mark Fortier March 2017

Mark Vitale March 2017

Meaghan Ahearn March 2017

FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL TECH. SCHOOL

Clifford Fournier June 2020

Linda Chapman June 2019

FRCOG PLANNING BOARD

FRCOG REPRESENTATIVE

Gabriele Voelker Jane Peirce (Alternate)

F.R.T.A. ADVISORY BOARD

GREATER FRANKLIN COUNTY CEDS

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (3-7)

March 2020

March 2020

Sandra Fawn March 2021

March 2021

March 2021

March 2019

March 2019

HUMAN RESOURCE BOARD (5)

July 2018

July 2018

Douglas Engstrom July 2020

Laurie MacDonald July 2019

July 2019

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Andrea Crete March 2013

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Jessica Magelaner

MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE (9)

Mercedes Clingerman Paul Lyman Adrienne Menges

Sandra Fawn Jane Peirce Brenda Piro

MOBIL RENT CONTROL BOARD (3)

David Ames March 2017

March 2019

George Willard March 2018

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Heather Stone
Patricia Smith

Noah Stone
Alec MacLeod

ORANGE CULTURAL COUNCIL (no limit)

Charlene Deam	May 2019
Day Lone Wolf	May 2019
Elizabeth Peirce	May 2019
Joyce Sawyer	May 2019
Arthur Waite	May 2019
Nathaniel Johnson	October 2019
Keila Ploof	March 2019
Judy Bisinger	March 2021
Elizabeth Fountain	March 2024
Judy Johnson	March 2021
Kenneth Johnson	March 2021
Susan Marshall	March 2021
Laura Pepper	March 2021

PLANNING BOARD (5)

Todd Soucy	March 2021
John McHale	March 2023
Casey Bashaw	March 2019
	March 2022
Mercedes Clingerman	March 2020
Steven Gargone (Alternate)	March 2020

POLICE CHIEF

Craig Lundgren

REP. TO FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Priscilla Curtis

Ed Billiel, Jr.

RIVERFRONT PARK COMMITTEE

Patricia Andrews	Polly Bixby	Denise Andrews
David Flint	Bruce Scherer	Patricia Smith
Linda Temple	David Songer	Michael Yohan

SANITATION SUPT.

Robert Smith, Jr.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

John R. Greene

March 2019

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAY, PARKS, & CEMETERY

Colin Killay

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER

Ken Wysk

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Gabriele Voelker

July 2021

TOWN BUILDING PLANNING COMMITTEE

Casey Bashaw

March 2019

Walter Herk		March 2019
TOWN HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (5)		
Shirley Barrus		March 2016
TOWN HALL RESTORATION COMMITTEE		
Pennie Smith	Linda Temple	
Pamela Smith	Denise Andrews	Deborah Kent
William Johnson	Maureen Riendeau	
	TREASURER	
Gabriele Voelker, Temporary		
	TREE WARDEN	
Colin Killay		March 2019
	VETERANS AGENT	
Fedencia Fitch		March 2018
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (5)		
Casey Bashaw		March 2021
Richard Herk		March 2018
Kelli Gervais		March 2019
		March 2017
		March 2017
George Hunt, Jr. (Alternate)		March 2021
(Alternate)		March 2020

Dog Report

Total Licenses Sold	1,303
Total Kennel Sold	8

Vital Statistics

Births	Marriages	Deaths
59	36	78

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy M. Blackmer, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION

January 8, 2018

Shall the Town of Orange be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to conduct a feasibility study, for the Dexter Park School, 3 Dexter Street Extension, Orange, MA, to determine the most educationally appropriate and fiscally responsible solution for replacing or renovating the school buildings.

_____ Yes

_____ No

Total Registered Voters	4,750
Total Ballots Cast	542
Yes	366
No	176

Special Town Meeting Warrant

January 25, 2018

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Planning Board member Al Noyes.

ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,109.10 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$2,032,000.00 federal and state grant for the Reconstruction of Taxiway Delta Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,109.10 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$2,032,000.00 federal and state grant for the Reconstruction of Taxiway Delta Project.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$230,000.00 federal and state grant for the Airspace Obstruction Analysis Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$11,500.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town's portion of a \$230,000.00 federal and state grant for the Airspace Obstruction Analysis Project.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT REVOLVING FUND

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,250.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town’s portion of a \$105,000.00 federal and state grant for the Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan Project; or take any action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$5,250.00 from the Airport Revolving Fund account to pay the town’s portion of a \$105,000.00 federal and state grant for the Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Management Plan Project.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH – RESCUE BOAT

To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase an inflatable rescue boat with trailer; or take any action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase an inflatable rescue boat with trailer.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash to Health Insurance Expense due to enrollment of additional employees; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Free Cash to Health Insurance Expense due to enrollment of additional employees.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: LEGAL TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to Legal Expense due to Union Negotiations and Marijuana Legislation; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to Legal Expense due to Union Negotiations and Marijuana Legislation.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: UNEMPLOYMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from Free Cash to Unemployment Expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from Free Cash to Unemployment Expense.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: POLICE WAGE OVERTIME TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash to Police Wage Overtime Expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash to Police Wage Overtime Expense.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion to amend to reduce to \$15,000. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion passed, unanimously, as amended.

ARTICLE 9: WORDING CHANGES IN THE WATER DEPARTMENTS RULES & REGULATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to approve changes in the wording of Section 6, Titled *CHARGES*, of the “Rules Regulations of Orange Water Department”, within Section 6.1, Titled *PAYMENT*, from:

6.1 PAYMENT

All bills for water use must be paid within thirty (30) days of billing date. Overdue bills will immediately become delinquent. The Water Department will impose interest in accordance with the Rate Schedule for the balance owed on all delinquent bills. The Water Department shall notify the owner regarding overdue bills and issue a shut-off notice. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days from the date the shut-off notice is rendered, the Water Department may shut off the service without further notice in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 42b. All charges and additional fees associated with the collection of payments, including but not limited to legal fees, shall be paid in full prior to the Water Department turning on the service.

The Water Department has adopted Chapter 40, Sec. 42A through F of the Massachusetts General Laws Relating to the Imposition of Liens Against Delinquent Accounts.

Accounts delinquent over sixty (60) days may be turned over to the Collector of Taxes and placed into Lien.

To:

6.1 PAYMENT

All bills for water use must be paid within thirty (30) days of billing date. Overdue bills will immediately become delinquent. The Water Department will impose interest in accordance with the Rate Schedule for the balance owed on all delinquent bills. The Water Department shall notify the owner regarding overdue bills by issuing a Delinquency Notice, and the corresponding fee from the Rates & Fees Schedule will be applied to the account. If payment is not received within thirty (30) days from the date the Delinquency Notice is rendered, unless Opted Out from the service, a Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice will be issued and posted on the property, and the corresponding fee from the Rates & Fees Schedule will be applied to the account. If payment is not received by the date listed on the Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice (typically seven (7) calendar days after posted), the Water Department may shut off the service without further notice in accordance with Massachusetts General

Laws Chapter 40 Section 42B. All delinquent charges shall be paid in full prior to the Water Department turning on the service.

The Water Department has adopted Chapter 40, Sec. 42A through F of the Massachusetts General Laws Relating to the Imposition of Liens Against Delinquent Accounts.

Accounts delinquent over sixty (60) days may be turned over to the Collector of Taxes and placed into Lien; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move to accept the article as printed.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: SECTION ADDITIONS TO THE WATER DEPARTMENTS RULES & REGULATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to approve changes in the wording of Section 6, Titled *CHARGES*, of the “Rules & Regulations of Orange Water Department”, to include Sections 6.8, Titled *FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE(ORANGE CARD)*, and 6.9, Titled *OPTING OUT OF FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE* as written below:

6.8 FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE (ORANGE CARD)

A “Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice” is a door hanging card with property information, notice of a delinquent balance including the amount due, and a potential date of service termination. This will be posted in a prominent location near an entrance to the building of the service location associated with the account if possible (fences, posted signs, pets, and other safety concerns of the Orange Water Department staff will be taken into consideration for its placement). It is bright orange and may have additional bright green stickers to affix it utilized if deemed warranted. These colors are used as a visual aid so that it is easier to locate as it tends to stand out from its surroundings. It is to be understood that, although we guarantee placement of these notices, and due diligence for them to stay in place, if the notice is not found in place due to circumstances out of the Water Departments control (weather, vandalism, etc.), this is not an excuse for non-payment. It is also to be understood that at the time these notices are placed, the process for making payment arrangements to negate the termination of services has past, except in “extreme circumstances” that have arisen, and proof of such may be required if consideration is to be made by the Water Department Superintendent. The corresponding fee from the Rates & Fees Schedule will be applied to the account *only if and when* this Notice is created/posted.

6.9 OPTING OUT OF FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE

You may “OPT OUT” from having a “Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice” placed on your property and its corresponding fee from the Rates & Fees schedule by filling out and signing an application to do so, available at the Water/Sewer Billing Clerks office at 6 Prospect Street, Orange MA 01364. By Opting out, you agree that you are aware that your water service may be terminated for a delinquent balance due anytime after 7 days from due date listed on your delinquency notice without further notice; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move to accept the article as printed.

Motion to amend as follows:

6.9 OPTING IN/OUT OF FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE

You may OPT IN/OUT for the service of/from having a “Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice” placed on your property and its corresponding fee from the Rates and Fees schedule by filling out and signing an application to do so, available at the Water/Sewer Billing Clerks office at 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364, or by signing and dating the appropriate location on your bill remittance to be returned with your payment. By Opting in, you understand and agree to the terms listed in 6.8. By Opting out, you understand and agree that you are aware that your water service may be terminated for a delinquent balance due anytime after 7 days from due date listed on your delinquency notice without further notice as listed in 6.1.

Motion 6.9 OPTING IN/OUT OF FINAL PAYMENT REMINDER/SHUT-OFF NOTICE

You may OPT IN/OUT for the service of/from having a “Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice” placed on your property and its corresponding fee from the Rates and Fees schedule by filling out and signing an application to do so, available at the Water/Sewer Billing Clerks office at 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364, or by signing and dating the appropriate location on your bill remittance to be returned with your payment. By Opting in, you understand and agree to the terms listed in 6.8. By Opting out, you understand and agree that you are aware that your water service may be terminated for a delinquent balance due anytime after 7 days from due date listed on your delinquency notice without further notice as listed in 6.1.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended, passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: WORDING CHANGES IN THE WATER DEPARTMENTS RULES & REGULATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to approve changes in wording in the *Rates & Fees Schedule* of the “Rules & Regulations of Orange Water Department”, from: Shutoff Notification to: Delinquency Notice; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town approve changes in wording in the *Rates & Fees Schedule* of the “Rules & Regulations of Orange Water Department”, from: Shutoff Notification to: Delinquency Notice.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: WORDING CHANGES IN THE WATER DEPARTMENTS RULES & REGULATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to approve changes in wording in the *Rates & Fees Schedule* of the “Rules & Regulations of Orange Water Department”, from: Shutoff Re-notification to: Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town approve changes in wording in the *Rates & Fees Schedule* of the “Rules & Regulations of Orange Water Department”, from: Shutoff Re-notification to: Final Payment Reminder/Shut-off Notice.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: ACCEPT MGL CHAPTER 64N, SECTION 3

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64N, Section 3 to impose a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate of three per cent (3%) of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products. A marijuana retailer shall pay a local sales tax imposed under this section to the commissioner of revenue at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the Commonwealth; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64N, Section 3 as stated in the article.
Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: MARIJUANA OVERLAY BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw, and the Town of Orange Zoning Map, to create a new Marijuana Overlay District comprising generally the land located within Randall Pond Park and the Orange Industrial Park, and to insert a new Section 4700 in Section IV: Special Regulation of the Zoning Bylaw establishing a Marijuana Overlay District with specifications for permitted uses and development standards in the Marijuana Overlay District, with proposed amendments being shown more particularly on a map and text placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or to take any action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to amend the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw, and the Town of Orange Zoning Map, to create a new Marijuana Overlay District comprising generally the land located within Randall Pond Park and the Orange Industrial Park, and to insert a new Section 4700 in Section IV: Special Regulation of the Zoning Bylaw establishing a Marijuana Overlay District with specifications for permitted uses and development standards in the Marijuana Overlay District, with proposed amendments being shown more particularly on a map and text placed on file with the Town Clerk, and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange.

Motion to amend by removing lot 12.1 from the district. Motion passed, not unanimously.
Motion to pass over this article. Motion passed, not, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: MARIJUANA MORATORIUM

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 4700, “TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS”, that would provide as

follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Section 4700, Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments:

4700 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments

4710 - Purpose

By vote at the State election on November 6, 2012, the voters of the Commonwealth enacted Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012, entitled “An Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana”, regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. The law became effective on January 1, 2013, and on May 24, 2013, the State Department of Public Health issued regulations under the act governing the cultivation, processing and distribution of medical-use marijuana. Thereafter, on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a new law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for non-medical, i.e., recreational, purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed).

The new law, which allows certain personal use and possession of recreational marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2016; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and thereafter, on July 28, 2017 by Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017, “An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Marijuana” (the “Act”)) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018 and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018. The Act also makes a number of significant changes to the regulation of medical-use marijuana, including, but not limited to, the eventual repeal of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012, the transfer of the oversight and regulation of medical-use marijuana from the Department of Public Health to the newly-created Cannabis Control Commission, and the adoption of new requirements for the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. Pursuant to the Act, the Commission is required to promulgate new rules and regulations for the medical use of marijuana, including the licensing and operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

Currently, neither a Non-medical Marijuana Retail Establishment (hereinafter, a “Recreational Marijuana Establishment”), as defined in G.L. c. 94G, Section 1, nor a Medical Marijuana Treatment Center, as defined in G.L. c. 94I, Section 1, are specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. The regulation of recreational and medical marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issue. The Town needs to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers and to address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers.

4720 - Definitions

“Medical Marijuana Treatment Center” shall mean an establishment approved under a medical use marijuana license that acquires, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as food, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers for medical purposes.

“Marijuana Retail Establishment” shall mean an establishment licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

“Marijuana Establishment” shall mean a “marijuana cultivator, independent testing laboratory, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business.”

4730 - Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. The moratorium shall be in effect through December 31, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishments and Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to those new issue and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to approve the Marijuana Moratorium as written.

Motion to pass over. Motion failed.

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 16: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC LOCAL 4569 (FIRE DEPARTMENT)

Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Fire Department bargaining unit (represented by International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #1 between the Town of Orange and the Orange Career Firefighters, Local 4569, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Move that the Town vote to appropriate \$11,150.00 to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Fire Department bargaining

unit (represented by International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #1 between the Town of Orange and the Orange Career Firefighters, Local 4569, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO, CLC (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020).

Recommended by Finance Committee

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – NEPBA, LOCAL 58 (POLICE OFFICERS)

Move the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost of sick leave buyback at retirement for bargaining unit employees and the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s full-time Police Officers and Detectives bargaining unit employees (represented by the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #2 between the Town of Orange and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58 (Police Officers Unit) (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to pass over this article. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to dissolve at 8:54 p.m.

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
March 5, 2018**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet at the Armory at 135 East Main Street in said, Orange, Massachusetts on Monday, March 5, 2018 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following officers: 2 Selectman for 3 years, Selectman for 2 years, Moderator for 1 year, Board of Health for 3 years, 2 members of the Elementary School Committee for 3 years, 1 Elementary School Committee for 2 years, 1 Elementary School Committee for 1 year, 2 members of the Regional School Committee for 3 years, 2 Library

Trustees for 3 years, Water Commissioner for 3 years, Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years, Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Veteran for 3 years, Trustee of Soldiers' Memorials – Non-veteran for 3 years, Housing Authority for 3 years, Housing Authority for 4 years

This question is an advisory question placed on the ballot by the Board of Selectmen. It addresses how the Upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be financed, if it is approved by the voters at town meeting.

A YES vote would favor supporting at least 25 percent of the costs of the upgrade from property taxes to be levied, Excluded from the limits of Propositions 2 ½.

A NO vote would favor supporting all costs of the upgrades from user charges and other revenues of the sewer systems.

Yes _____ No _____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office in Orange and Library in North Orange, seven days at least before the time of holding such election.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Ryan Mailloux
Richard Sheridan
James Cornwell
Selectmen, Town of Orange

A true copy. ATTEST:

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

FRANKLIN, SS.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, by posting up attested copies of the same at the Post Office in Orange and the Library in North Orange seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Randy Plante, Constable of Orange

February 5, 2018

Total Registered Voters 4,750
Total Ballots Cast 689

Selectman – 3 Years	
Ryan Mailloux	518
Thomas Smith	568
All Others	17
Blanks	275

Selectman – 2 years	
Jane Peirce	359
George Willard	317
All Others	1
Blanks	12

Moderator	
Christopher Woodcock	576
All Others	5
Blanks	108

Board of Health	
Jane Peirce	488
All Others	12
Blanks	189

Elementary School Committee – 3 years	
Stephanie Conrod	498
Robert Haigh, Sr.	544
All Others	3
Blanks	333

Elementary School Committee – 2 years	
Alexandre Schwanz	520
All Others	1
Blanks	168

Elementary School Committee – 1 year	
Failure to Elect	
All Others	38
Blanks	651

Regional School Committee	
Chantee Jillson	515
Patricia Smith	523
All Others	5
Blanks	335

Library Trustee

Nathaniel Johnson	534
Maria Bull	26
All Others	17
Blanks	801

Water Commissioner	
Michael Hume	561
All Others	2
Blanks	126

Cemetery Commissioner	
James Cornwell	568
All Others	5
Blanks	116

Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials – Veteran	
Scott Hubbard	557
All Others	1
Blanks	131

Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials – Non-Veteran	
Christopher Marshall	575
All Others	1
Blanks	113

Housing Authority – 4 years	
Tracy Gaudet	562
All Others	2
Blanks	125

Housing Authority – 3 years	
Dawn Latulippe	14
All Others	27
Blanks	648

Question	
Yes	244
No	350
Blanks	95

Special Town Meeting Warrant

June 18, 2018

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ruth B. Smith Auditorium (Orange Town Hall), 6 Prospect Street in said Orange, on Monday, June 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

A quorum being present, the Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The Moderator recognized recent retirees Priscilla Curtis, Jeri Deyo, and Linda Adam.

The Shirley Page Community Pride Award was presented to Will Johnson.

A moment of silence was observed for Tom Forest.

ARTICLE 1: TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,621.22 from Free Cash to the following grants with deficit balances prior to FY14:

Fire Federal CCP Grant \$1,755.36

Police Federal Vest Grant \$ 865.86;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,621.22 from Free Cash to the following grants with deficit balances prior to FY14:

Fire Federal CCP Grant \$1,755.36

Police Federal Vest Grant \$ 865.86

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – NEPBA, LOCAL 58 (POLICE OFFICERS)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000. to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s full-time Police Officers and Detectives bargaining unit employees (represented by the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #2 between the Town of Orange and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58 (Police Officers Unit) (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000. to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the

Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s full-time Police Officers and Detectives bargaining unit employees (represented by the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to IAFF, AFL-CIO, CLC, Local 4569 ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #2 between the Town of Orange and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 58 (Police Officers Unit) (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020).

Motion passed, unanimously.

**ARTICLE 3: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – SEIU, LOCAL 888
(MAINTENANCE UNIT)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Maintenance bargaining unit (represented by SEIU, Local 888) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU, Local 888, ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #1 between the Town of Orange and the SEIU, LOCAL 888 (JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to raise and appropriate \$11,592.00 to fund the cost of increases in bargaining unit members’ wages for year 1 (Fiscal Year 2018) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Maintenance bargaining unit (represented by SEIU, Local 888) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU, Local 888, ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement #1 between the Town of Orange and the SEIU, LOCAL 888 (JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2020)

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: SNOW AND ICE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate \$172,350.00 from Free Cash to Snow and Ice to cover the deficit.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money from Fire Department Wages to establish a Fire Department Training Wage account for the purpose of compensating paid-on-call Firefighters for completion of mandatory training programs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate \$12,000.00 from Fire Department Wages to establish a Fire Department Training Wage account for the purpose of compensating paid-on-call Firefighters for completion of mandatory training programs.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to dissolve at 7:25 p.m.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FISCAL YEAR 2019**

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ruth B. Smith Auditorium (Orange Town Hall), located at 6 Prospect Street, in said Orange on Monday, the eighteenth day in June 2018, at seven in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

The amount of available “Free Cash” for the General Fund, certified by the
Director of Accounts is \$623,617.00

The amount of “Retained Earnings” for the Water Enterprise Fund, certified by the
Director of Accounts is \$ 13,883.90

The amount of “Retained Earnings” for the Sewer Enterprise Fund, certified by the
Director of Accounts is \$111,385.42

The meeting opened at 7:25 p.m. following the dissolving of the Special Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 1: TOWN REPORT

To see if the Town will accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to accept the reports of the Officers and Committees as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c.44 s.53E1/2, as most recently amended, to (1) authorize revolving funds for certain Town Departments for 2019, (2) and further, to amend the Town bylaws by inserting a new bylaw entitled, Revolving Funds, and to establish fiscal year spending limits; all as set forth below:

Revolving Funds

- 1. Purpose. This bylaw establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by the Town Departments, Boards, Committees, Agencies or Officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2.
- 2. Expenditure Limitations. A Department or Agency head, Board, Committee or Officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this bylaw without appropriation subject to the following limitations:
 - A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund, except for those employed as school bus drivers.
 - B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
 - C. Expenditures from each revolving fund spent during a fiscal year shall be subject to the limitation established by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 s.53E1/2.
 - D. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this bylaw shall be credited to the general fund.
- 3. The following is a list of the authorized revolving funds setting forth the name of the fund, the entity authorized to expend such funds, the revenue source and the use of such fund.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund
Hazardous Spills	Fire Chief	Hazardous Material Incidents Receipts	Operational Expenses for supplies, equipment, clothing, vehicle response, labor & training.
Gas Inspector	Building Inspector	90% of Fees for Gas Inspector Services	Gas Inspector's Part-Time Salary and Expense
Plumbing Inspector	Building Inspector	90% of Fees for Plumbing Inspector Services	Plumbing Inspector's Part-Time Salary and Expenses
Excavation and Trench Permit	Building Inspector	Trench Permits & Fees	Expenses Related to Excavation and Trench Permits
Airport Fuel	Airport Commissioners	Revenue from Aviation Fuel Sales	Purchase of Aviation Fuel to be Sold and Related Expenses
Sealer of Weights & Measures	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Fees for Sealer of Weights & Measures Services	Sealer of Weights & Measures Part-Time Salary and Expenses
Board of Health	Board of Health	Board of Health Application Fees and Permits	Operational Expenses
Landfill & Recycling	Sanitation Manager	Fees Charged for Gas Cylinders & Mattresses	Expenses Related to Disposal of Gas Cylinders & Mattresses
Landfill & Recycling	Sanitation Manager	Compost Area Revenue	Expenses Related to Compost Area
Dog Fund	Police Chief	Revenue from All Dog Related Fees and Fines	Operational Expenses for Dog Licensing & Animal Control

Planning Dept.	Planning Board	Planning Board Fees	Expenses for training, community outreach, and other sundry items
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and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange;

And to set Fiscal Year 2019 spending limits as follows:

Revolving Fund	FY 19 Spending Limit
Hazardous Spill	\$ 20,000
Gas Inspector	\$ 15,000
Plumbing Inspector	\$ 15,000
Excavation and Trench Permit	\$ 5,000
Airport Fuel	\$109,000
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$ 15,000
Board of Health	\$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	\$ 30,000
Landfill & Recycling	\$ 7,000
Dog Fund	\$ 50,000
Planning Board	\$ 2,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve the article as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: SALE OF TAX TITLE LAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the transfer from the Treasurer to the Board of Selectmen the care, custody and control of those parcels of land acquired by the Town through foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, those parcels acquired by the Town by foreclosure of tax titles in the land court or commissioner's affidavit of land of low value.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: AUTHORIZE BORROWING

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 in accordance with the M.G.L. c44, §4.

2/3 vote required

Motion passed, by the required 2/3.

ARTICLE 5: BALANCE AGREEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2019 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal 2019 as permitted by M.G.L. c44, §53F.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: GRANT APPLICATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any State and Federal grants that do not require a Town appropriation, and those that require Town appropriation are subject to Town approval of the expenditure of those funds; or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any State and Federal grants that do not require a Town appropriation, and those that require Town appropriation are subject to Town approval of the expenditure of those funds.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: SALE OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to authorize the Board of Selectmen or their designee to sell or otherwise dispose of surplus or obsolete personal property and surplus real estate of the Town in accordance with Chapter 76 of the *General Bylaws of the Town of Orange* and following the procedures required by M.G.L. c.30B §15 and §16.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$739,856 for the Water Enterprise Fund beginning July 1, 2018 in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or take any action relative thereto.

User Charges	\$731,645
Water Liens	\$1,140
Other Departmental Revenue	\$3,463
Investment Income	\$3,609
Development Charges	\$0
Retained Earnings	\$0
Total Revenues	\$739,857

To be expended as follows:

Direct Costs

Salaries & Wages	\$268,377
Expenses	\$236,984
Equipment	\$36,500
Tully Water	\$28,000
Capital Outlay	\$21,500
Debt & Interest	\$0
Emergency Reserve	\$15,000
Subtotal	\$606,361

Indirect Costs	\$133,496
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Total Expenses	\$739,857
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Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: WWTP/SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$659,086.00 for the WWTP/Sewer Enterprise Fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §53F½, amount to be funded from the following sources; or to take any other action relative thereto.

User Fees	\$618,886.00
Connection Fees	\$200.00
Sewer Liens Revenue	\$40,000.00
Total Revenues	\$659,086.00

To be expended as follows:

Direct

Salaries & Wages	\$212,641.00
Expenses	\$218,874.00
Capital Outlay	\$20,000.00
Debt & Interest	\$94,423.00
Emergency Reserve	\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$555,938.00

Indirect Costs **\$103,148.00**

Total Expenses **\$659,086.00**

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,200.00 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion transfer and appropriate the sum of \$15,200.00 from the Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue Account to the Landfill Monitoring/Maintenance account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of monitoring and maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: TRANSFER FROM TRANSFER STATION WINDOW STICKER REVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,748.00 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Sanitation Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,748.00 from Transfer Station Window Sticker Revenue account to Sanitation Wages account in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §28C (f) to pay for expenditures of the cost of maintenance of existing inactive landfill or other solid waste facilities.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: ELECTED OFFICERS COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2018, as contained in the budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to fix the compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided by M.G.L. c.41, §108 effective July 1, 2018, as contained in the budget.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: TOWN BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto. (OMNIBUS BUDGET)

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$20,103,315.95 as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 as presented in the Budget.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen Expenses		\$ 4,030.00
Siemens Energy Monitoring (ESCO)		\$ -
Town Administrator Salary		\$ 82,725.00
Town Administrator Wages		\$ 49,360.00
Town Administrator Expenses		\$ 651.00
Finance Committee Expenses		\$ 181.00
Reserve Fund		\$ 30,000.00
Accountant Salary		\$ 66,964.63
Accountant Wages		\$ 14,222.00
Accountant Expenses		\$ 4,100.00
Audit		\$ 25,000.00
Assessors Wages		\$ 34,992.63
Assessors Expenses		\$ 64,909.00
Treasurer Salary		\$ 42,000.00
Treasurer Wages		\$ 33,718.00
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 10,906.00
Vadar Software Maintenance		\$ 15,083.00
Collector Salary		\$ 43,645.00
Collector Wages		\$ 19,762.00
Collector Expenses		\$ 13,253.00
Collector Tax Title Foreclosure		\$ 3,280.00
Town Counsel		\$ 45,000.00
HR Board Expenses		\$ 200.00
General Office Wages		\$ -
General Office Expenses		\$ 54,009.00
Town Clerk Salary		\$ 47,522.66

Town Clerk Wages		\$ -
Town Clerk Expenses		\$ 7,590.00
Election Registrars Salaries		\$ 650.00
Election Registrars Wages		\$ 5,200.00
Election Expenses		\$ 9,409.00
Conservation Commission Expenses		\$ 214.00
CD Director Salary		\$ 44,660.00
CD Wages		\$ -
CD Expenses - Grant Writing		\$ 6,000.00
CD Expenses		\$ 900.00
Planning Expenses		\$ 500.00
ZBA Expenses		\$ 97.00
Town Hall Maintenance		\$ 29,500.00
Town Report		\$ 1,100.00
Armory Maintenance		\$ 29,500.00
Stabilization Fund		\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 841,833.92
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
Police Chief's Salary		\$ 98,635.00
Police Salaries and Wages		\$ 926,864.50
Police Expenses		\$ 85,952.00
Fire Chief's Wages		\$ 103,965.00
Fire/EMS Wages		\$ 759,373.00
Fire/EMS Expenses		\$ 216,200.00
Emergency Management Director		\$ 3,000.00
Building Commissioner Salary		\$ 56,000.00
Building Department Wages		\$ 23,834.00
Building Department Expenses		\$ 4,275.00
Electrical Inspector's Salary		\$ 25,666.00
Electrical Inspector's Alt. Wages		\$ 600.00
Electrical Inspector's Travel Wages		\$ 1,700.00
Animal Inspector's Salary		\$ 600.00
Animal Inspector' Expense		\$ 24.00
Regional Animal Control Program		\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Hearings Officer		\$ 2,500.00
Tree Warden (OPS)		\$ 5,000.00

TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		\$ 2,324,188.50
ORANGE EDUCATION		
Orange Elementary Schools		\$ 6,375,680.00
R.C.Mahar Reg. School		\$ 4,149,061.00
Franklin Cty Tech		\$ 561,182.00
Franklin Cty Tech - Capital		\$ 17,725.79
Smith Voc		\$ 51,000.00
Vocational Transportation		\$ 26,000.00
TOTAL ORANGE EDUCATION		\$ 11,180,648.79
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES		
Highway/Parks/Cemetery Supts. Salary		\$ 70,000.00
HPC Wages		\$ 404,000.00
HPC Expenses		\$ 221,782.00
Highway/Sewer Supt. Salary		
Highway Wages		
Highway Adm. Construction & Maint.		
Snow & Ice		\$ 140,032.00
Street Lights		\$ 25,000.00
Franklin County Solid Waste District		\$ 20,619.00
Sanitation Salary		\$ 53,380.00
Sanitation Wages		\$ 37,630.00
Sanitation Expense		\$ 89,498.00
Airport Manager's Salary		\$ 57,429.00
Airport Wages		\$ 35,734.00
Airport Expense		\$ 29,450.00
Airport Aviation Gas Sales & Exp.		
Cemetery/Parks/TS Supt. Salary		
Cemetery Wages		
Cemetery Dept. Expense		
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES		\$ 1,184,554.00
HUMAN SERVICES		

Board of Health Agent		\$ 56,700.00
Board of Health Admin Clerical		\$ 7,914.00
Board of Health Expenses		\$ -
Council on Aging Director		\$ 31,543.00
Council on Aging Wages		\$ -
Council on Aging Expenses		\$ 3,325.00
Veterans' District Admin		\$ 21,713.97
Veterans' Benefits		\$ 120,000.00
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$ 241,195.97
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Library Director Salary		\$ 59,484.00
Library Wages		\$ 162,965.00
Library Expenses		\$ 105,972.00
		\$ -
Historical Commission Expenses		\$ -
		\$ 500.00
Agricultural Commission		
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		\$ 328,921.00
DEBT SERVICE		
Landfill Cap & Close Principal ('18)		\$ -
Landfill Cap & Close Interest		\$ -
Community Septic Mgmt Prog Principal ('19)		\$ -
Lake Avenue Betterments Principal ('15)		
Lake Avenue Betterments Interest		
Tully Fire Station Principal ('48)		\$ 21,268.00
Tully Fire Station Interest		\$ 48,491.00
Group Health Trust Def Principal - final in FY16		\$ -
Group Health Trust Def Interest		\$ -
Butterfield School Roof Principal		\$ -
Butterfield School Roof Interest		\$ -
ESCO USDA Principal		\$ 47,015.00
ESCO USDA Interest		\$ 31,266.00

R.C. Mahar Reg. School Debt Service		\$ 196,812.00
Dexter Park Roof Principal		\$ 62,625.00
Dexter Park Roof Interest		\$ 4,589.00
Butterfield Chair Lift Principal		
Butterfield Chair Lift Interest		
Butterfield Park Renovation Principal		\$ 15,000.00
Butterfield Park Renovation Interest		\$ 1,105.00
Article lease or estimated debt (new shown as 3% over 5 years)		
Police Station Renovations Principal		\$ 15,000.00
Police Station Renovations Interest		\$ 1,365.00
Departmental Equipment Principal		\$ 40,000.00
Departmental Equipment Interest		\$ 1,760.00
Departmental Equipment Principal 2		\$ -
Departmental Equipment Interest 2		\$ 1,444.74
Putnam Hall Demo Principal		\$ 45,000.00
Putnam Hall Demo Interest		\$ 1,960.00
Ambulance Principal		\$ -
Ambulance Interest		\$ -
Police Cruiser Lease - R&A - final in FY16		
Short Term Borrowing		\$ 6,009.00
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE		\$ 540,709.74
MISCELLANEOUS (FIXED) EXPENSES		
Franklin Regional Council of Governments		\$ 34,184.00
Franklin Regional Retirement Assessment		\$ 922,264.00
Workers Compensation		\$ 86,000.00
Unemployment Compensation		\$ 40,000.00
Group Insurance (Health, Life, & Medicare Penalty)		\$ 1,991,772.00
Group Dental		\$ 106,675.00
Medicare/FICA		\$ 115,950.00
Police Accident and Fire Insurance		\$ 38,740.00
Insurance General Liability		\$ 125,679.00
Snow & Ice Deficit		
Prior Year Expenses		
Legal Settlement		\$ -
Transfer to Article Lines (not debt)		
Transfer to Capital Fund		

Transfer to Stabilization		
Transfer - Group Dental Trust		
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 3,461,264.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 20,103,315.92

Motion to amend Assessors Expenses reducing it to \$25,909.00. Motion failed.

Motion to amend Town Hall Maintenance increasing it to \$40,000.00. Motion failed.

Motion to reduce CD Director Salary to \$0.00. Motion failed.

Motion to reduce CD Expenses – Grant Writing to \$0.00. Motion failed.

Motion to reduce Town Counsel to \$25,000.00. Motion failed.

Motion to reduce Building Commissioner Salary to \$52,780.00. Motion failed.

Motion to increase the Mahar budget to \$4,174,061 with the increase of \$25,000.00 subject to a Proposition 2 ½ override vote. The \$4,149,061.00 is not subject to the override. Motion to move the question. Motion to move the question passed by necessary 2/3. Motion to increase failed.

Motion to reduce the Highway/Parks/Cemetery Supts. Salary to \$68,428.00. Motion failed.

Motion on the budget passed, not unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. passed

A quorum being present on Tuesday, June 19,2018, the Moderator called the second night of the Annual Town Meeting to order.

ARTICLE 14: BETTERMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the following amount from betterment collections for the purpose of the long term debt payment due in FY2019; or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>FROM :</u>
\$6,414.48	MWPAT Title 5 Septic Betterments
	<u>TO:</u>
	Long-Term Debt Principal-Community Septic Management Program
	Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion that if the Town will vote to transfer the \$6,414.48 from betterment collections for the purpose of the long term debt payment due in FY2019

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Account to the Town Hall Capital Maintenance account for expenditures of the cost of bathroom repairs, auditorium windows, electrical wiring on the stage and front of the Town Hall, and boiler maintenance and repair at the Town Hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Capital Stabilization Account to the Town Hall Capital Maintenance account for expenditures of the cost of bathroom repairs, auditorium windows, electrical wiring on the stage and front of the Town Hall, and boiler maintenance and repair at the Town Hall.

2/3 vote required

Motion to move the question, passed, unanimously.
Motion passed, by the required 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 16: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of \$350.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Dorothy M. Forster, 20 Former Road, Southampton, MA 01073, to buy back her lots at South Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to authorize payment of \$350.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Dorothy M. Forster, 20 Former Road, Southampton, MA 01073, to buy back her lots at South Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: PUTNAM HALL DEMOLITION TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$34,293.82 from Putnam Hall Demolition Expense to Putnam Hall Debt Principal Expense; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$34,293.82 from Putnam Hall Demolition Expense to Putnam Hall Debt Principal Expense.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: TRANSFER FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$74,977.00 for the short term borrowing costs for the Fire Department Ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$74,977.00 for the short term borrowing costs for the Fire Department Ambulance.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 19: TRANSFER FROM THE AMBULANCE RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$18,000.00 for the purchase of one automated chest compression

device and 10 UHF pagers for use in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to transfer and appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the Sum of \$18,000.00 for the purchase of one automated chest compression device and 10 UHF pagers for use in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: POLICE DEPT. RADIO LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$11,000.00 for the 3rd year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios; or take any other action relative thereto

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 for the 3rd year payment on a 5-year lease for 10 Portable Radios

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: CAPITAL PLAN FY19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$189,300.00 for the following Capital Projects and to meet such appropriation by authorizing the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow such sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sec. 7, or any other enabling authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

2019 Fully Equipped Fire Department Command Vehicle	70,000.00
2019 Ford F350 Highway Truck	51,000.00
Sanitation Engineering	17,000.00
Records Storage	27,000.00
Police Phones	11,000.00
Police Upgrade	5,000.00
2 zero turn mowers and leaf blowers - Highway	<u>8,300.00</u>
	189,300.00

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to fund from Free Cash the sum of \$113,000.00 for the Capital Projects 2019 Fully Equipped Fire Department Command Vehicle, Records Storage, Police Phones, and Police Upgrade.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 22: AERATION BLOWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$312,000.00 for the purpose of aeration blower replacement at the wastewater treatment facility, with \$200,000.00 being paid through the GAP II Grant for Municipal Drinking Water and Wastewater facilities through the MassDEP Clean Energy

Results Program (CERP), and the remaining \$112,000.00 being paid through the sewer enterprise fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$312,000.00 for the purpose of aeration blower replacement at the wastewater treatment facility, with \$200,000.00 being paid through the GAP II Grant for Municipal Drinking Water and Wastewater facilities through the MassDEP Clean Energy Results Program (CERP), and the remaining \$112,000.00 being paid through the sewer enterprise fund.

Motion to amend and change the \$312,000.00 to \$311,385.00 and the \$112,000.00 to \$111,385.00. Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended, passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 23: TIF –SEAMAN PAPER

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c.40, §59 and G.L. c.23A, §§E and 3F to: (a) approve a Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) Agreement between Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts Inc. and the Town of Orange, substantially in the form as is on file with the Town Clerk (the “TIF Agreement”), for property located at 10 Lucci Drive and as described more fully in the TIF Agreement, which TIF Agreement provides for real estate tax exemptions at the exemption rate schedule set forth therein, (b) authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute the TIF Agreement, and any documents relating thereto; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve submission of the TIF Agreement and Certified Project Application, and any associated documents to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council, all relating to the project as described in the TIF Agreement to be located in the Orange EOA and Certified Project Application, and take such other and further action as may be necessary or appropriate to obtain EACC approval, implement these documents and carry out the purposes of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve the TIF as presented.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 24: SOLAR PILOT – NEW ATHOL ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (“PILOT”) pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$12,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a nameplate capacity of approximately 1.0647 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 2, Lot 65) located at 7 New Athol Road upon which such facility is located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve the PILOT as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: SOLAR PILOT – EAST RIVER STREET

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$14,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a nameplate capacity of approximately 4.9 megawatts on a parcel of privately-owned land (Map 118, Lot 7) located at 380 East River Street upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve the PILOT as presented.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: SOLAR PILOT – RW MOORE DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement for payments-in-lieu-of-taxes ("PILOT") pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, with an annual payment amount of \$12,000 per megawatt and an annual payment escalator of 2 ½ percent, and upon terms and conditions as the Board shall deem in the best interest of the Town, for personal property associated with a solar photovoltaic facility having a nameplate capacity of approximately 1.7 megawatts on an approximate 7 acre parcel of privately-owned land being a portion of Assessors Map 250, Lot 12C located at 56 RW Moore Drive upon which such facility is to be located, and to take all actions necessary to implement such agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve the PILOT as presented.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: NORTH MAIN STREET TIP

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$750,000.00 for the purpose of any and all engineering work and any and all expenses incidental or related thereto including but not limited to design, engineering, plan preparation, inspections, property surveying, title examination, easement acquisitions, pre-construction and construction monitoring, if necessary for the reconstruction of North Main Street which will consist of complete plans and preparation for the reconstruction of the roadway to MassDOT standards in preparation for a MassDOT Tip grant for the construction costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to borrow the sum of \$750,000.00 for the purpose of any and all engineering work and any and all expenses incidental or related thereto including but not limited to design, engineering, plan preparation, inspections, property surveying, title examination, easement acquisitions, pre-construction and construction monitoring, if necessary for the reconstruction of North Main Street which will consist

of complete plans and preparation for the reconstruction of the roadway to MassDOT standards in preparation for a MassDOT Tip grant for the construction costs.

2/3 vote required

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – SERVICE EMPLOYEES
INTERNATIONAL LOCAL 888 (Clerical Employees)

To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the cost of a regrading and wage adjustment in certain bargaining unit members’ wages for year 2 (Fiscal Year 2019) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Clerical bargaining unit employees (represented by SEIU Local 888 Clerical Union) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws as reflected in the below Wage Scale. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU Local 888 Maintenance Union ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and SEIU Local 888 Maintenance Union (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020); or take any other action relative thereto.

Effective FY 19 -
7/1/18

Grade Step
8.00% 2.50%

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
Grade 1	11.69	11.98	12.28	12.59	12.90	13.23	13.56	13.90	14.24	14.60
Grade 2	12.63	12.94	13.26	13.60	13.94	14.28	14.64	15.01	15.38	15.77
Grade 3	13.64	13.98	14.33	14.68	15.05	15.43	15.81	16.21	16.61	17.03
Grade 4	14.73	15.09	15.47	15.86	16.25	16.66	17.08	17.50	17.94	18.39
Grade 5	15.90	16.30	16.71	17.13	17.56	17.99	18.44	18.90	19.38	19.86
Grade 6	17.18	17.61	18.05	18.50	18.96	19.43	19.92	20.42	20.93	21.45
Grade 7	18.55	19.01	19.49	19.98	20.48	20.99	21.51	22.05	22.60	23.17

Grade 8	20.03	20.54	21.05	21.58	22.11	22.67	23.23	23.81	24.41	25.02
Grade 9	21.64	22.18	22.73	23.30	23.88	24.48	25.09	25.72	26.36	27.02

Motion to raise and appropriate \$12,500.00 to fund the cost of a regrading and wage adjustment in certain bargaining unit members’ wages for year 2 (Fiscal Year 2019) under the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Orange (represented by the Board of Selectmen) and the Town’s Clerical bargaining unit employees (represented by SEIU Local 888 Clerical Union) in accordance with Chapter 150E of the Massachusetts General Laws as reflected in the below Wage Scale. Any appropriation is subject to SEIU Local 888 Clerical Union ratifying the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Orange and SEIU Local 888 Clerical Union (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020).

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: DEXTER PARK SCHOOL ROOF TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$167,277.50 from Dexter Park Roof October 2011 STM Art 16 to Armory Roof Repairs; or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$167,277.50 from Dexter Park Roof October 2011 STM Art 16 to Armory Roof Repairs.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 30: PLANNING BOARD – DECREASE IN MEMBERS

To see if the Town will vote to decrease the appointed members on the Planning Board from seven (7) to five (5); or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to decrease the appointed members on the Planning Board from seven (7) to five (5).

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 31: WORDING CHANGES – ZONING BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaws by changing the application submittal requirements for the following sections, as follows:

4600 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Section 4610, (1) Plan filing Requirements

FROM:

The following plans and items shall be submitted to the Planning Board with an application form and three (3) copies of the drawings. Plans shall be prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect or professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.

TO:

The following plans and items shall be submitted to the Planning Board with an application form, one (1) electronic copy and three (3) copies of the drawings. Plans shall be prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect or professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.

5400 SITE PLAN REVIEW

Section 5430 (a)

FROM:

- (a) An applicant for Site Plan Review shall file a completed application with the Town Clerk. The application shall include eleven (11) copies each of the site plan and any narrative documents as outlined in the submittal requirements. The Town Clerk shall acknowledge receipt of the plans by signing and dating the application. The Town Clerk shall transmit copies of the application to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, The Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health, the Historical Commission, The Highway Superintendent, The Fire Chief, Police Chief Water Department, and the Building inspector. Town Boards and municipal officials shall have 45 days from the date the completed application is received by the Town Clerk to report to the Planning Board their findings and recommendations.

TO:

- (a) An applicant for Site Plan Review shall file a completed application with the Town Clerk. The application shall include one (1) electronic copy and five (5) paper copies each of the site plan and any narrative documents as outlined in the submittal requirements. The Town Clerk shall acknowledge receipt of the plans by signing and dating the application. The Town Clerk shall transmit copies of the application to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health, the Historical Commission, the Highway Superintendent, the Fire Chief, Police Chief Water Department, and the Building Inspector. Town Boards and municipal officials shall have 45 days from the date the completed application is received by the Town Clerk to report to the Planning Board their findings and recommendations.

5713 PROCEDURES

FROM:

Section 5723 An applicant for Open Space Development shall file a completed application with the Town Clerk. The application shall include eleven (11) copies each of the site plan and any narrative documents as outlined in the submittal requirements. The Town Clerk shall acknowledge receipt of the plans by signing and dating the application.

TO:

Section 5723

An applicant for Open Space Development shall file a completed application with the Town Clerk. The application shall include one (1) electronic copy and five (5) paper copies each of the site plan and any narrative documents as outlined in the submittal requirements. The Town Clerk shall acknowledge receipt

of the plans by signing and dating the application; and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve Zoning changes as presented. **2/3 vote required**

A verbal report of the recent hearing was given by Chairman Mercedes Clingerman

Motion passed, by the required 2/3vote.

ARTICLE 32: SOLAR VOLTAIC SYSTEM MORATORIUM

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Solar Voltaic System Moratorium as described below.

A. Definitions:

1. For the purposes of this bylaw “Large Scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic system” shall be defined as: a solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof mounted and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250kWDC .
2. Rated nameplate capacity: the maximum rated output of electric power production of the photovoltaic system in Watts.
3. Ground Mounted system: a solar photovoltaic system erected on the ground, other than one used primarily to supply electricity to a single business or residence.

B. Purpose:

1. To allow time for a Solar Farm report to be prepared and presented to the Town of Orange by the Town of Orange Planning Board, with assistance from the Community Development office, and other related Town departments; to assess the current number of ground mounted and large scale solar photovoltaic energy systems and the anticipated number based on inquiry and identification of projects that have approached the Town Planning Board and Community Development offices. To assess effects of ground mounted and large scale solar photovoltaic systems as they relate to acreage used, financial impact to the Town (positive and negative), congruency with current long range planning of the Town and Planning Documents generated to date supporting long term planning. To assess fully citizen preferences as it relates to solar in their community. To fully evaluate potential long term planning as it relates to land use and fiscal impact. To identify total MW of solar power either completed, approved or proposed and the physical and fiscal impact, both positive and negative, on the town.

C. Rationale:

The Town of Orange has experienced exponential growth in solar arrays that are not placed on buildings and are of large scale. The Town of Orange has had 3 Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Systems (SPS) which potentially could affect the Town as a whole receive approval since January of 2018, in addition to several that have already been completed in town. Furthermore, the Town has received information regarding at least 5 additional potential large-scale projects, which would have potentially similar impact as those already approved and completed, that are investigating processes to seek permitting from the Town.

Therefore, there is an immediate need to protect the interest of the Town and its citizens by establishing long term zoning bylaw standards and provisions to ensure that such uses and development will be consistent with the Towns long term planning interests, Master Plan, Open Space Plan and Green Communities Designations, while protecting the interest of our citizens and

the Towns resources. It is crucial that the Town act now to establish a temporary moratorium on the use of land and the construction of structures related to all Ground mounted solar photovoltaic system projects and large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic installations and the issuance of special or building permits in connection with the same to allow time to thoughtfully plan for the overall impact such projects have on all aspects of the Town. The Planning Board seeks this to be able to fully engage the community in the process of planning.

D. Temporary Moratorium

Notwithstanding any other provision in the Town of Orange Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, no special or building permit may be issued for the construction of any Ground Mounted or Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic System until the adjournment of business at the Annual Town Meeting in June, 2019. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives. To the maximum extent legally permissible the Planning Board shall not accept any further applications for Large Scale Solar Photovoltaic Energy System during the aforementioned moratorium period; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve the Solar Moratorium as presented.

2/3 vote required

Motion to postpone action on the Solar Moratorium. Motion to move the question, passed by the required 2/3. Motion to postpone, passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 33: STATE FLAG RESOLUTION

To see if the Town will vote to support the resolution in support of changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts

To support the bill introduced by State Representative Byron Rushing, (D-Suffolk) H-1707 calling for an investigation by a special commission, including members of the legislature and representatives of Native Nations of Massachusetts, to recommend changes to the State Flag and Seal of the Commonwealth.

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European Colonists and the Native Nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the Colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native Nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the naked Colonial broadsword brandished above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts State Flag and Seal is copied from Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native's cloak on the Flag and Seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against Euro-Colonial

encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the Flag and Seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a “fine specimen of an Indian,” though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas the history of relations between Massachusetts since Colonial times and the Native Nations who continue to live within its borders includes the forced internment of thousands of so-called ‘praying Indians’ on Deer Island, in Boston Harbor, where they died by the hundreds of exposure in 1675, their subsequent enslavement in Boston, Bermuda, and the Caribbean Islands, the offering of 40 pounds sterling as bounty for the scalps of Native men, women and children in Massachusetts beginning in 1686, increased to 100 pounds sterling for the scalps of Native adult males by 1722, half that amount for Native women and children;

Whereas Native Nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even stepping foot into Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Euro-Colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native Nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the Euro-Colonial immigrants and the Native Nations of these shores;

And whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols for public schools and sports teams, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Therefore we, the voters of the Town of Orange, support the bill introduced by State Representative Byron Rushing, (D-Suffolk) H-1707 calling for an investigation by a special commission, including members of the legislature and representatives of Native Nations of Massachusetts, to recommend changes to the State Flag and Seal of the Commonwealth.

Be it further resolved that within five days of the dissolution of this town meeting, the town clerk shall forward copies of this resolution to Representative Susannah Whipps, to Senator Anne M. Gobi, Senator Adam G. Hinds, Senator Eric P. Lesser, and Senator Donald F. Humason, Jr., to the chairpersons and members of the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee, to which H-1707 was reported with an ‘ought to pass’ recommendation by the House Rules Committee on February 22nd, 2018, and to Executive Director Geoffrey Beckwith of the Massachusetts Municipal Association; or take any other

action relative thereto.

Motion to support the resolution as printed.

Motion passed, 53 yes, 42 no.

ARTICLE 34: PLASTIC BAG BAN – PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the town will vote to amend the Town of Orange Bylaws by adding the following language:

Chapter XV Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw

Section 1. Purpose and Intent

The production and use of thin-film single-use plastic checkout bags have significant impacts on the environment, including, but not limited to: contributing to the potential death of aquatic animals and other wildlife through ingestion and entanglement; contributing to pollution of the land environment; creating a burden to solid waste collection and recycling facilities; clogging storm drainage systems; and requiring the use of millions of barrels of crude oil nationally for their production.

The purpose of this bylaw is to reduce the use of thin-film single-use plastic checkout bags by all retail and grocery stores in the town of Orange.

Section 2. Definitions

2.1 Checkout bag: A carryout bag provided by a store to the customer at the point of sale. Checkout bags shall not include bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose produce or products are placed by the consumer to deliver such items to the point of sale or checkout area of the store.

2.2 Thin-film single-use plastic bags: Typically with plastic handles, these are bags with a thickness of 2.5 mils or less and are intended for single-use transport of purchased products.

2.3 Grocery store: A retail establishment where more than fifty percent of the gross floor area is devoted to the sale of food products for home preparation and consumption, which typically also offers home care and personal care products.

2.4 Retail store: An establishment that offers the sale and display of merchandise within a building.

2.5 Reusable checkout bag: A bag, with handles, that is specifically designed for multiple use and is made of thick plastic, cloth, fabric, or other durable materials.

Section 3. Use Regulations

3.1 Thin-film single-use plastic bags shall not be distributed, used, or sold for checkout or other purposes at any retail or grocery store within the town of Orange. Retail establishment shall mean any business facility that sells goods directly to the consumer including but not limited to grocery stores, pharmacies, liquor stores, mini marts, and retail vendors selling clothing, food, and household or personal items.

3.2 Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable or biodegradable shopping bags to stores. Stores are strongly encouraged to make reusable checkout bags available for sale to customers at a reasonable price.

3.3 Thin-film plastic bags used to contain dry cleaning, newspaper, produce, meat, bulk foods, wet items and other similar merchandise, typically without handles, are still permissible.

3.4 Said by-law to become effective once approved by the state attorney general.

Section 4. Enforcement Process

Enforcement of this bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Town Administrator or his or her designee. The Town Administrator shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other town duties as appropriate. Any retail or grocery store distributing plastic grocery bags in violation of this bylaw shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in Appendix A of the regulations for the enforcement of Town Bylaws under MGL Chapter 40, 21D and the Bylaw for Non-Criminal Disposition and Violations; or act in relation thereto. Fine schedule: first offense: warning; second offense: \$25; third and each subsequent offense: \$50; and further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion to approve the bylaw as presented in the warrant package.

Motion failed, 43 yes, 49 no.

ARTICLE 35: LAKE MATTAWA SUMMER STAFF – PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the amount of \$12,000.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings to the Town Parks wages for the staffing of 2 summer hires from Memorial Day through Labor Day; or take any other action relative thereto.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to approve as written. Per Town Counsel this article cannot be approved as presented.

Motion to amend to transfer \$6,000. From Free Cash.

Motion failed.

ARTICLE 36: LAKE MATTAWA BEACH STICKERS – PETITION ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Lake Mattawa Beach Sticker Regulation forthwith.

Lake Mattawa Beach Sticker Regulations

I. Types Of Beach Stickers

- A. **Annual Resident Beach Stickers** shall be made available at an annual charge of **\$20.00** to any Orange Residents, whether they own or rent a dwelling. An Orange Resident is any person whose principal year-round domicile is within the Town of Orange. A person who owns and pays real estate or personal property taxes upon a summer residence in Orange or who rents residential property for a time period which includes the continuous period from May 1 to October 14 inclusive, shall be eligible for an Annual Resident Beach sticker. Residency requirements 1. Being listed on the Town census, 2. Possessing a Massachusetts driver's license with an Orange address or identification card issued by the Registry of Motor Vehicles, 3. Having an automobile registration in the Town of Orange with proof of paying Excise tax to the Town of Orange. If no automobile, a tax bill, lease agreement, rental receipt and/or utility bill will be required.

- B. **Temporary Beach Stickers** shall be made available at a charge of **\$20.00** to nonresidents who rent residential property in the Town of Orange for any continuous fourteen day period. (
- C. No person shall receive Beach Stickers as a privilege of office.

II. Beach Sticker Issuance Procedures

A. Annual Resident Beach Stickers

1. In order to receive an Annual Resident Beach Sticker, an Orange Resident shall submit a current automobile registration for each vehicle for which a sticker is requested, showing registration of the vehicle in Orange, or their automobile registration and their tax bill or rent receipt for the season for their dwelling in Orange.
2. A new resident whose automobile registration has not yet been changed to an Orange address shall submit a rent receipt or a real estate bill of sale or deed.
3. Stickers shall be permanently attached to the vehicle for which the registration was shown and whose registration number matches the number written on the face of the sticker. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in the loss of beach sticker privileges.
4. A replacement sticker for a new vehicle that replaces one sold during the year will be furnished at no charge if the original sticker is returned, even if the sticker is in pieces. The Treasurer may waive this requirement if there is credible evidence that the vehicle was totaled due to an accident or other mishap.
5. Applicants whose vehicles are company-owned, Commercially leased, or privately loaned must furnish written proof of their connection to the other party or agency and must also provide proof of their residency in Orange.

B. Temporary Beach Stickers

1. Nonresidents who rent residential property in Orange for a specific length of time shall submit, in addition to their current automobile registration, a rent receipt that includes dates of the rental period and the address of the rental property.
2. Temporary Beach Stickers shall be issued with the following information noted on the pass: Vehicle Registration Number, Expiration Date, Official Stamp, or Seal.
3. Temporary Beach Stickers shall be permanently attached to the vehicle for which the registration was shown and whose registration number matches the number written on the face of the sticker. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in the loss of beach sticker privileges.

C. Other Provisions

Any situations not specifically dealt with in these Regulations shall be referred to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall determine any and all additional policies under these Regulations. (Amended 1/13/00; 7/1/03, 5/5/08)

III. Sticker Revocation

Reason for Revocation: Annual resident beach stickers, temporary beach stickers, are subject to revocation if they are not attached to the vehicle for which the sticker was issued; the registration on the sticker must match the registration given with the application for the sticker.

- A. **Violator Identification:** The Orange Police Department or Parks staff shall report all infractions to the Treasurer. The report should include registration on the beach sticker, the registration of the automobile to which the sticker was affixed, date, place and time violation was discovered.
- B. **Notice to Violator:** The Treasurer shall contact the violator in writing to inform them of the violation and penalty and to inform them of the appeal process. The penalty shall be loss of beach sticker through December 31 of the following year in which the violation occurred.

Appeal Process: Alleged violators to this policy may appeal to the Board of Selectmen in writing. The Board of Selectmen, having read the evidence and the appeal, may determine to reverse the revocation or to take any action by way of penalty, so long as the decided length of revocation is no longer than that stated in #C above. The Board of Selectmen shall notify the appealing party in writing of its decision; or take any other action relative thereto.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee

Motion to pass over this article.

Motion to dissolve at 10:30 p.m.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

August 16, 2018

A quorum being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1: RESCIND APPROPRIATION – POLICE UNION

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 from Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting on June 18, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,000 from Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting on June 18, 2018.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: RESCIND APPROPRIATION – MAINTENANCE UNION

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,592 from Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting on June 18, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,592 from Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting on June 18, 2018.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: RESCIND APPROPRIATION – CLERICAL UNION

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 from Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Move to rescind the vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 from Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 18, 2018.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: FIRE STATION ROOF AND STRUCTURE REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the borrowing of and to expend up to \$100,000 to make repairs to the Fire Station Roof and structure, including design, materials, and construction costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 vote required

Move to authorize the borrowing of and to expend up to \$100,000 to make repairs to the Fire Station Roof and structure, including design, materials, and construction costs.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: FIRE DEPT. – MOBILE BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR TRAILER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,285 from Capital Stabilization for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$90,000 Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered through FEMA for the purchase of a mobile breathing air compressor trailer; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 vote required

Move to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,285 from Stabilization for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$90,000 Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered through FEMA for the purchase of a mobile breathing air compressor trailer.

Finance Committee recommends

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: FIRE DEPT. – FIRE ENGINE/PUMPER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$23,809 from Capital Stabilization for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$500,000 Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered through FEMA for the purchase of a fire engine/pumper; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 vote required

Move to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$23,809 from Stabilization for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$500,000 Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant administered through FEMA for the purchase of a fire engine/pumper.

Finance Committee recommends

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: FIRE DEPT. – FIRE ENGINE/PUMPER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase of a fire engine/pumper in addition to the Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and matching municipal funds; or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

2/3 vote required

Move to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase of a fire engine/pumper in addition to the Federal FY 2017 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and matching municipal funds.

Finance Committee recommends

Move to amend to transfer and appropriate an additional sum of \$25,000 from Capital Stabilization for the purchase of a fire engine /pumper, for a total of \$50,000.

Finance Committee recommends

Amendment passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended, passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: FIRE DEPT. – SAFER GRANT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$706,185 Federal FY 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant administered through FEMA for the hiring of three additional full-time Firefighter/EMTs; or take any other action relative thereto or thereon.

Move to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for the Town's FY19 matching portion of a \$706,185 Federal FY 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant administered through FEMA for the hiring of three additional full-time Firefighter/EMTs.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

WARRANT FOR 2018 STATE PRIMARY

FRANKLIN,SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet at the Armory, 135 East Main Street, in said, Orange, on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primary for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR.	FORTHIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	FORTHIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	HAMPSHIRE,FRANKLIN,WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS.....	FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS	FRANKLIN COUNTY

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Total Registered Voters			4792
	444	447	891
Democrat Ballots Cast	256	227	483
Republican Ballots Cast	188	217	405
Total Ballots Cast	0	3	3

Democrat

Senator in Congress			
Elizabeth Warren	235	203	438
Others	3	6	9
Blank	18	18	36

Governor			
Jay Gonzalez	130	118	248
Bob Massie	78	66	144
Others	9	4	13
Blanks	39	39	78

Lt. Governor			
Quentin Palfrey	151	107	258
Jimmy Tingle	54	67	121
Others	1	1	2
Blanks	50	52	102

Attorney General

Maura Healey	241	211	452
Others	0	1	1
Blanks	15	15	30

Sec.of State

William Galvin	176	158	334
Josh Zakim	60	58	118
Others	1	0	1
Blanks	19	11	30

Treasurer

Deborah Goldberg	221	193	414
Others	2	1	3
Blanks	33	33	66

Auditor

Suzanne Bump	219	191	410
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	37	36	73

Rep. in Congress

James McGovern	234	209	443
Others	0	2	2
Blanks	22	16	38

Councillor

Mary Hurley	215	190	405
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	41	37	78

Sen. In General Court

Chelsea Kline	151	118	269
Jo Comerford	32	77	109
StevenConnor		0	0
Ryan O'Donnell		6	6
Others	58	6	64
Blanks	15	20	35

Rep. in General Court

John Arena	204	187	391
Others	4	1	5
Blanks	48	39	87

District Attorney

David Sullivan	226	194	420
Others	0	1	1
Blanks	30	32	62

Clerk of Courts

Susan Emond	214	194	408
Others	2	0	2
Blanks	40	33	73

Register of Deeds

Scott Cote	217	191	408
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	39	36	75

Republican

Senator in Congress

Geoff Diehl	67	92	159
John Kiongston	91	90	181
Beth Lindstrom	22	24	46
Others	1	1	2
Blanks	7	10	17

Governor

Charles Baker	107	117	224
Scott Lively	79	100	179
Others	1	0	1
Blanks	1	0	1

Lt. Governor

Karen Polito	151	159	310
Others	1	3	4
Blanks	36	55	91

Attorney General

James McMahon, III	110	119	229
Danile Shores	56	68	124
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	22	30	52

Sec.of State

Anthony Amore	150	153	303
Others	3	1	4
Blanks	35	63	98

Treasurer

Keiko Orrall	146	153	299
Others	1	0	1
Blanks	41	64	105

Auditor

Helen Brady	144	150	294
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	44	67	111

Rep. in Congress

Tracy Lovvorn	92	108	200
Kevin Powers	74	71	145
Others	0	1	1
Blanks	22	37	59

Councillor

Others	25	31	56
Blanks	163	186	349

Sen. In General Court

Others	23	33	56
Blanks	165	184	349

Rep. in General Court

Others	17	24	41
Blanks	171	193	364

District Attorney

Others	13	22	35
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Blanks	175	195	370
Clerk of Courts			
Others	14	21	35
Blanks	174	196	370
Register of Deeds			
Others	13	22	35
Blanks	175	195	370
Libertarian			
Senator in Congress			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Governor			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Lt. Governor			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Attorney General			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Sec.of State			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Treasurer			
Others			0
Blanks		3	3
Auditor			
Daniel Fishman		1	1
Others			0
Blanks		2	2

Rep. in Congress		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
Councillor		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
Sen. In General Court		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
Rep. in General Court		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
District Attorney		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
Clerk of Courts		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3
Register of Deeds		
Others		0
Blanks	3	3

WARRANT FOR 2018 STATE ELECTION

FRANKLIN,SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet at the Armory, 135 East Main Street, in said, Orange, on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	EIGHTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	HAMPSHIRE, FRANKLIN, WORCESTER DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	SECOND FRANKLIN DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS	FRANKLIN COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS	FRANKLIN COUNTY

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care, as follows:

- In units with step-down/intermediate care patients: 3 patients per nurse;
- In units with post-anesthesia care or operating room patients: 1 patient under anesthesia per nurse; 2 patients post-anesthesia per nurse;
- In the emergency services department: 1 critical or intensive care patient per nurse (or 2 if the nurse has assessed each patient’s condition as stable); 2 urgent non-stable patients per nurse; 3 urgent stable patients per nurse; or 5 non-urgent stable patients per nurse;
- In units with maternity patients: (a) active labor patients: 1 patient per nurse; (b) during birth and for up to two hours immediately postpartum: 1 mother per nurse and 1 baby per nurse; (c) when the condition of the mother and baby are determined to be stable: 1 mother and her baby or babies per nurse; (d) postpartum: 6 patients per nurse; (e) intermediate care or continuing care babies: 2 babies per nurse; (f) well-babies: 6 babies per nurse;
- In units with pediatric, medical, surgical, telemetry, or observational/outpatient treatment patients, or any other unit: 4 patients per nurse; and
- In units with psychiatric or rehabilitation patients: 5 patients per nurse.

The proposed law would require a covered facility to comply with the patient assignment limits without reducing its level of nursing, service, maintenance, clerical, professional, and other staff.

The proposed law would also require every covered facility to develop a written patient acuity tool for each unit to evaluate the condition of each patient. This tool would be used by nurses in deciding whether patient limits should be lower than the limits of the proposed law at any given time.

The proposed law would not override any contract in effect on January 1, 2019 that set higher patient limits. The proposed law’s limits would take effect after any such contract expired.

The state Health Policy Commission would be required to promulgate regulations to implement the proposed law. The Commission could conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the law. Any facility receiving written notice from the Commission of a complaint or a violation would be required to submit a written compliance plan to the Commission. The Commission could report violations to the state Attorney General, who could file suit to obtain a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation as well as up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continued after the Commission notified the covered facility of the violation. The Health Policy Commission would be required to establish a toll-free telephone number for complaints and a website where complaints, compliance plans, and violations would appear.

The proposed law would prohibit discipline or retaliation against any employee for complying with the patient assignment limits of the law. The proposed law would require every covered facility to post within each unit, patient room, and waiting area a notice explaining the patient limits and how to report violations. Each day of a facility’s non-compliance with the posting requirement would be punishable by a civil penalty between \$250 and \$2,500.

The proposed law’s requirements would be suspended during a state or nationally declared public health emergency.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same

Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state’s ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission’s first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission’s report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings.

A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

QUESTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?

SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A “place of public accommodation, resort or amusement” is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. “Gender identity” is defined as a person’s sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person’s admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person’s gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis of gender identity.

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Total
Total Registered Voters			4879
Total Ballots Cast	1329	1336	2665
Senator in Congress			
Elizabeth Warren	620	652	1272
Geoff Diehl	630	598	1228
Shiva Ayyadurai	67	68	135
Others	1	1	2
Blanks	11	17	28
Governor			
Baker/Polito	955	955	1910
Gonzalez/Palfrey	344	355	699
Others	6	3	9
Blanks	24	23	47
Attorney General			
Maura Healey	728	776	1504
James McMahon, III	572	541	1113
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	29	19	48

Sec.of State			
William Galvin	729	805	1534
Anthony Amore	480	442	922
Juan Sanchez, Jr.	80	53	133
Others	0	0	0
Blanks	40	36	76

Treasurer			
Deborah Goldberg	664	733	1397
Keiko Orrall	514	460	974
Jamie Guerin	97	90	187
Others	0	1	1
Blanks	54	52	106

Auditor			
Suzanne Bump	595	670	1265
Helen Brady	532	495	1027
Daniel Fishman	62	54	116
Edward Stamas	74	58	132
Others	1	2	3
Blanks	65	57	122

Rep. in Congress			
James McGovern	729	805	1534
Tracy Lovvorn	566	503	1069
Others	0		0
Blanks	34	28	62

Councillor			
Mary Hurley	714	773	1487
Mike Franco	489	467	956
Others	4	4	8
Blanks	122	92	214

Sen. In General Court			
Jo Comerford	943	999	1942
Others	25	24	49
Blanks	361	313	674

Rep. in General Court

Susannah Whipps	941	877	1818
John Arena	326	396	722
Others	4	3	7
Blanks	58	60	118

District Attorney			
David Sullivan	972	1017	1989
Others	19	20	39
Blanks	338	299	637

Clerk of Courts			
Susan Emond	970	1009	1979
Others	17	22	39
Blanks	342	305	647

Register of Deeds			
Scott Cote	964	1010	1974
Others	22	22	44
Blanks	343	304	647

Council of Govt.			
Bill Perlman	949	1006	1955
Others	13	11	24
Blanks	367	319	686

Question 1			
Yes	311	320	631
No	976	963	1939
Blanks	42	53	95

Question 2			
Yes	870	876	1746
No	410	411	821
Blanks	49	49	98

Question 3			
Yes	783	817	1600
No	509	481	990
Blanks	37	38	75

Special Town Meeting Warrant

December 6, 2018

FRANKLIN SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Orange, in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at Ruth B. Smith Auditorium (Orange Town Hall), 6 Prospect Street in said Orange, on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

A quorum being present, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1: FUNDING UNDER-FUNDED BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$116,644 from free cash to fund the following Under-Funded town accounts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Counsel	\$ 5,000.00
General Office Expenses	\$ 2,483.00
Town Hall Maintenance	\$11,200.00
Armory Maintenance	\$13,100.00
Police Expenses	\$ 5,730.00
Fire/EMS Expenses	\$13,800.00
HPC Expenses	\$13,778.00
Sanitation Expenses	\$13,000.00
Library Expenses	\$13,553.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer \$116,644 from free cash to fund the following Under-Funded town accounts:

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Library Expenses	\$13,553.00
Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00

Motion to amend to increase the amount to \$141,644.00 and increase the Reserve Fund to \$50,000.00.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

Motion vote on each amount separately. Motion failed.

Motion as amended, passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: STABILIZATION TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to Stabilization; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer \$100,000.00 from Free Cash to Stabilization.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of \$425.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Richard A. and Deborah A. Gauvin, 28 Royalston Rd., Orange, MA 01364, to buy back their lot 259, Space 4 at Tully Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to authorize payment of \$425.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Richard A. and Deborah A. Gauvin, 28 Royalston Rd., Orange, MA 01364, to buy back their lot 259, Space 4 at Tully Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize payment of \$900.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Joseph Jr. and Patricia Cummings, 8 New Boston Rd., South Royalston, MA 01368, to buy back their lots at Tully Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to authorize payment of \$900.00 from Cemetery Sale of Lots Account to Joseph Jr. and Patricia Cummings, 8 New Boston Rd., South Royalston, MA 01368, to buy back their lots at Tully Cemetery.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: POLICE CHIEF WAGES TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$11,500 from Administrative Coordinators Wages Account and the sum of \$1,722 from Town Administrator Wages Account for a total sum of \$13,222 for the Police Chief Wages Account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$11,500 from Administrative Coordinators Wages Account and the sum of \$1,722 from Town Administrator Wages Account for a total sum of \$13,222 for the Police Chief Wages Account.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 6: PY LEGAL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,634 to pay a prior year bill to Mirick O'Connell in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,634 to pay a prior year bill to Mirick O'Connell in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: GRANT WRITING TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000 from CD Directors Salary to CD Expenses – Grant Writing; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000 from CD Directors Salary to CD Expenses – Grant Writing.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: HIGHWAY, PARKS, & CEMETERY (Boom Mower)

To see if the Town will vote to enter into a 5 year lease for a sum of \$127,554.00 for the purchase of a Boom Mower for the Highway, Parks & Cemetery Dept.; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to vote to enter into a 5 year lease for a sum of \$127,554.00 for the purchase of a Boom Mower for the Highway, Parks & Cemetery Dept.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: HIGHWAY PARKS & CEMETERY LEASE PAYMENT ON BOOM MOWER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$28,675.30 for the 1st year payment on a 5 year lease for the Boom Mower; or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer from free cash the sum of \$28,675.30 for the 1st year payment on a 5 year lease for the Boom Mower.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: CAPITAL PLAN FY19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, and transfer from free cash, the sum of \$122,011.00 for the following capital Projects; or take any action relative thereto.

Tree Removal:	\$10,000.00
Airport Vehicle Repair:	\$17,721.00
Vision Software:	\$37,790.00
Armory Boiler:	\$28,000.00
OSHA Equipment:	\$25,500.00
FEMA Mitigation Plan Match:	\$ 3,000.00
Finance Committee Recommends	

Motion to appropriate, and transfer from free cash, the sum of \$122,011.00 for the following capital Projects:

Tree Removal:	\$10,000.00
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Vision Software:	\$37,790.00
Armory Boiler:	\$28,000.00
OSHA Equipment:	\$25,500.00
FEMA Mitigation Plan Match:	\$ 3,000.00

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: WATER DEPARTMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$57,700.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings for the replacement of the Water Department service vehicle #3 Utility Truck in accordance with its FY2019 Capital Improvement Plan; or take any action relative thereto or thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$57,700.00 from the Water Department Retained Earnings for the replacement of the Water Department service vehicle #3 Utility Truck in accordance with its FY2019 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TRANSFER

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$6,750 from the Airport Revolving Fund to fund the local share of a \$135,000 state and federal grant for an Environmental Assessment to purchase a tract

of land on Walnut Hill in Orange, MA for the purpose of installing a hazard beacon for aircraft flight safety reasons; or take any action relative thereto.

Finance Committee Recommends

Motion to appropriate and transfer \$6,750 from the Airport Revolving Fund to fund the local share of a \$135,000 state and federal grant for an Environmental Assessment to purchase a tract of land on Walnut Hill in Orange, MA for the purpose of installing a hazard beacon for aircraft flight safety reasons.

Motion passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: EXISTING LIFT STATION WARRANT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to PINE CREST RHF HOUSING, INC., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, and KING JAMES COURT RHF HOUSING, INC., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to collectively as Grantees, a permanent easement on Town property located at 229 East River Street, more particularly described as the Existing Lift Station Easement Area, in the approximate location shown on a draft easement plan available for review at the Town Administrator's office and Wastewater Treatment Plant, for the purpose of utilizing said easement for maintenance, repair, alteration, construction and replacement of a sewage system lift station (the "Existing Lift Station") and further allowing for access over town property adjacent to said Existing Lift Station Easement Area by Grantees' contractors, engineers, and other invitees by foot, motor vehicle and heavy equipment as may from time to time be necessary or convenient in order for Grantees to exercise Grantees' rights pursuant to the easement, which easement shall by its terms automatically terminate when a replacement lift station to be installed by Grantees on Town property located at 226 East River Street is placed into operation, at which time Grantees shall remove so much of the Existing Lift Station and restore so much of the Existing Lift Statement Easement Area as is agreed to by the Town; or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to accept the Article as printed.

Motion to amend to remove the word "grant" from the first line and replace it with the word "consent".

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: REPLACEMENT LIFT STATION WARRANT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to PINE CREST RHF HOUSING, INC., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, and KING JAMES COURT RHF HOUSING, INC., a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to collectively as Grantees, a permanent easement on Town property located at 226 East River Street, more particularly described as the Replacement Lift Station Easement Area, in the approximate location shown on a draft easement plan available for review at the Town Administrator's office and Wastewater Treatment Plant, for the purpose of utilizing said easement for installation, maintenance, repair, alteration, construction and replacement of a sewage system lift station (the "Replacement Lift Station") and further allowing for access over town property adjacent to said Replacement Lift Station Easement Area by Grantees' contractors, engineers, and other invitees by foot, motor vehicle and heavy equipment as may from time

to time be necessary or convenient in order for Grantees to exercise Grantees' rights pursuant to the easement; or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to accept the Article as printed.

Motion to amend to remove the word “grant” from the first line and replace it with the word “consent”.

Motion passed, unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: PROPOSED GENERAL BY LAW CHANGE

To see if the Town will vote to change the General Bylaws as follows: In accordance with G.L. c.94G,s.3, the number of Marijuana Retailers permitted in the Town of Orange shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the number of licenses issued within the Town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 15. In the event that 20% of said licenses is not a whole number, the limit shall be rounded up to the next whole number. And further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange; or take any action relative thereto.

Motion to change the General Bylaws as follows: In accordance with G.L. c.94G,s.3, the number of Marijuana Retailers permitted in the Town of Orange shall be limited to twenty percent (20%) of the number of licenses issued within the Town for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises where sold under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 15. In the event that 20% of said licenses is not a whole number, the limit shall be rounded up to the next whole number. And further that nonsubstantive changes to the numbering of this bylaw be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format for the Code of Orange.

Motion to amend the 3rd line to number of licenses eligible to be issued.

Motion passed, not unanimously.

Motion as amended passed, not unanimously.

Motion to dissolve the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

ACCOUNTANT

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I submit my report as Town Accountant for Fiscal Year 2018

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)

TAXES

Personal Property	311,094	Meals Tax	51,188
Real Estate	10,331,073	Motel Tax	17,793
Tax Liens Redeemed	190,829	Interest on Taxes & Liens	198,852
Motor Vehicle Excise	779,648	Betterments	7,606
Payment In Lieu of Taxes	15,496	Rollback Taxes	9,144
Sub-Total			11,912,723

LOCAL RECEIPTS

Ambulance	577,646	Fees & Permits	
Airport Rentals	78,135	Selectboard	22,090
Armory Rentals	8,680	Building Permits	87,702
Cemetery Burials	25,330	Electrical Permits	115,757
Court Fines	16,405	Fire Dept Permits	7,907
Fines - Other	2,192	Police Outside Detail (10%)	22,182
Landfill - Trash Bags	94,161	Town Clerk Fees	10,111
Landfill - Other Charges	34,928	Town Collector Fees	22,972
Trailer Payments	28,020	Other	4,558
Sub-Total			1,158,776

STATE CHERRY SHEET

Chapter 70 State Ed. Aid	5,240,609	State Owned Land	50,976
Charter School Tuition Reimb	1,905	Veterans Benefits	87,428
Abatements to Elderly, Veterans & Blind	39,275	Unrestricted Gen State Aid	1,619,114
School Transportation	23,358	Misc State Revenue	3,841
Sub-Total			7,066,506

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

Earnings on Investments	11,871	Misc Receipts - Anticipated	8,816
SPED-Medicaid	95,003	Misc Receipts - Unanticipated	63,074
Sub-Total			178,764

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Transfers from Special Revenue		From Sewer Enterprise Fund	94,626
Per Town Meeting Votes	134,954	From Water Enterprise Fund	107,880

Transfers from Excess Insurance & Restitution	12,018	
	Sub-Total	349,478

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)**SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA**

Cafeteria	340,876	Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue	29,421
Educational Grants - Federal	460,034	School Choice	264,308
Educational Grants - State	67,816	Circuit Breaker	85,212

Sub-Total 1,247,667

SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Airport Gas Revolving	96,099	K-9 Wyncote Foundation Gift	57,150
Airport Grants	59,129	Landfill Revolving	40,381
Ambulance 10% Transfer From General Fund	75,229	Landfill - Recycling Grant	4,900
Board of Health Revolving	29,738	Library	22,286
Cemetery - Sale of Lots Revenue	13,395	MASSWORKS OIC Lot	76,150
Council on Aging	29,063	Planning Reviews	3,000
Cultural Council	4,946	Police - Mahar School Officer	51,131
Distressed Properties Grant	13,750	Police - Other Revenue	12,074
Dog Officer Revolving	20,315	River Front & Pocket Park Gifts	12,375
Fire Dept	58,042	Sale of Real Estate	8,708
Highway Chapter 90	227,308	Septic Betterments	1,727
Housing Rehab Revolving Loan Payments	15,455	Sewer I&I Remediation	5,197
Inspector Revolving	10,142	Trustees of Soldiers Memorial Gifts	1,680
Insurance Reimbursement & Restitution	41,168	Other Revenue	125

Sub-Total 990,663

CAPITOL PROJECTS

Transfer from Sewer Fund	111,385	Capital BAN Proceeds	171,200
for Aeration Blower Replacement		Butterfield Playground Gifts	1,195

Sub-Total 283,780

WATER DEPARTMENT

Water Usage Fees	704,860	Water Point Land Acquisition	42,647
Water Investment Earnings	1,087	Water Misc Revenue	4,750
Water Liens	1,872	Water System Development	22,000
Water Interest Charges	3,910		

Sub-Total 781,126

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Sewer Usage Fees	578,980	Sewer Interest Charges	6,303
Sewer Investment Earnings	554	Sewer Misc Revenue	200
Sewer Liens	36,353		

Sub-Total 622,390

CASH RECEIPTS (NET)**EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**

Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest	(7,488)	Moore-Leland - Library	(3,872)
Mann Interest	(861)	Other - Library	(5,200)
Rugg Interest	(234)	Stabilization Interest	(4,387)
Bassett Trust - Fire	(132)	Stabilization Transfer	45,000
Bassett Trust - Police	(954)	Capital Stabilization Point Sales	25,588
Cemetery Interest	(636)	Conservation Interest	(169)
Parks Interest	(203)	Goddard Charity Interest	(2,457)
Bartolomei - Library	2,697	Dental Trust Fund	41,394

Sub-Total 88,086

AGENCY FUNDS

Advertising Notices	2,828	Pistol Permits Due State	14,003
Cable Due to Time Warner	114,308	Public Safety Outside Detail	231,782
Custodian-School Agency	1,423	Tax Title Certificate of Redemption	1,585
Deputy Collector Fees	25,708	Recycling Bins	180

Sub-Total 391,817

TOTAL RECEIPTS 25,071,776

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Selectmen		4,368	4,368
Selectmen - Landfill Maintenance & Monitoring		6,432	6,432
Town Administrator	64,025	480	64,505
Administrator Coordinator	49,991		49,991
Finance Committee		180	180
Town Accountant	79,940	6,612	86,552
Audit		25,000	25,000
Assessors	27,718	47,412	75,130
Treasurer	79,896	34,495	114,391
Collector	69,561	10,437	79,998
Legal		98,293	98,293
Software Maintenance		14,383	14,383
General Offices		59,200	59,200
Town Clerk	46,844	5,146	51,990
Registrar's	3,311	6,889	10,200
Conservation Commission		198	198
Planning Board	49,180	37	49,217
Town Hall Maintenance		49,991	49,991
Armory		35,559	35,559
Armory Clean Up		6,972	6,972
		Sub-Total	882,550
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Chief	96,478		96,478
Police Dept	911,229	94,087	1,005,316
Police Radios Leases		11,055	11,055
Fire Chief	101,570		101,570
Fire Dept	718,870	249,695	968,565
Fire Gear		17,054	17,054
Emergency Management		2,500	2,500
Building Inspector	83,255	3,959	87,214
Electrical Inspector	27,966		27,966
Animal Inspector	600		600
Municipal Hearing Officer	2,500		2,500
Regional Animal Control		20,711	20,711
Tree Dept		8,000	8,000
		Sub-Total	2,349,529

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
General - Elementary School	2,563,517	1,048,782	3,612,299
SPED - Elementary School	1,572,290	787,573	2,359,863
Mahar Regional School Assessment		4,004,506	4,004,506
Franklin County Tech School Assessment		543,103	543,103
Smith Vocational Tuition		50,184	50,184
Pupil Transportation - Smith Vocational		21,488	21,488
		Sub-Total	10,591,443
PUBLIC WORKS			
Public Works Superintendent	56,937		56,937
Highway	366,536	250,807	617,343
Snow & Ice	42,748	269,634	312,382
Street Lights		33,279	33,279
Sanitation	92,181	98,682	190,863
FR City Solid Waste Assessment		19,780	19,780
Airport	96,572	29,324	125,896
		Sub-Total	1,356,480
HUMAN SERVICES			
Board of Health	64,614		64,614
Council on Aging	25,605	1,108	26,713
Veteran Services		24,006	24,006
Veteran Benefits		91,715	91,715
		Sub-Total	207,048
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Library Director	58,604		58,604
Library	144,285	108,873	253,158
Agricultural Commission		139	139
		Sub-Total	311,901
DEBT SERVICE			
Long Term Debt Principal		410,475	410,475
Mahar Regional School Debt		204,724	204,724
Long Term Interest		95,100	95,100
Short Term Interest		1,650	1,650
		Sub-Total	711,949

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
STATE & COUNTY ASSMENTS			
Motor Vehicle Non Renewals		12,760	12,760
Air Pollution Control		1,777	1,777
School Choice/Charter		480,123	480,123
FRTA		19,639	19,639
Franklin Regional Council of Governments		35,983	35,983
		Sub-Total	550,282

MISCELLANEOUS			
Retirement Assessment		902,625	902,625
Workers Comp Insurance		83,088	83,088
Unemployment Insurance		60,556	60,556
Health/Dental Insurance		2,074,560	2,074,560
Medicare		115,547	115,547
Police & Fire Accident Insurance		36,975	36,975
Town General Liability Insurance		122,771	122,771
Transfer to Special Revenue		2,621	2,621
Transfer to Stabilization		45,000	45,000
		Sub-Total	3,443,743

SPECIAL REVENUE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT & CAFETERIA			
Cafeteria	197,889	147,940	345,829
Educational Grants - Federal	403,410	76,116	479,526
Educational Grants - State	79,366	20,104	99,470
Gifts & Miscellaneous Revenue	19,799	9,774	29,573
School Choice	463,893		463,893
Circuit Breaker		71,425	71,425
		Sub-Total	1,489,716

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
SPECIAL REVENUE TOWN DEPARTMENTS			
Airport Gas Revolving		73,894	73,894
Airport Transfer to Runway Project		20,859	20,859
Ambulance Transfers to General Fund		88,128	88,128
Board of Health Revolving		11,571	11,571
Community Development Grants		381	381
Council on Aging	21,367	11,537	32,904
Cultural Council		5,057	5,057
Distressed Properties Grant	5,963	10,010	15,973
Dog Officer Revolving		8,810	8,810
Fire Dept Gifts & Misc		2,572	2,572
Fire Dept Grants	2,941	42,657	45,598
Highway Chapter 90		152,918	152,918
Housing Rehab Loans		3,939	3,939
Inspector Revolving	8,383	104	8,487
Insurance & Restitution Reimbursement		41,168	41,168
Insurance & Restitution Transfer to General Fund		18,558	18,558
Insurance Transfer to Water Fund		4,375	4,375
Landfill Revolving		19,902	19,902
Landfill Revolving Transfers to General Fund		19,077	19,077
Landfill Recycling Grant		2,677	2,677
Library	1,660	5,699	7,359
MASSWORKS OIC Lot Grant		76,150	76,150
Planning Board Consultants		3,000	3,000
Pocket Park Gift		18,114	18,114
Police - Mahar School Officer	56,916		56,916
Police - Wyncote Foundation		58,383	58,383
Police - Other Revenue	8,970	5,055	14,025
River Front & Memorial Parks Gift		9,294	9,294
Septic MWPAT Transfer to General Fund		6,414	6,414
Soldiers Memorial		4,649	4,649
West Orange Cemetery Fence		375	375
Other Expenses		25	25
		Sub-Total	831,552

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
CAPITOL PROJECTS			
Butterfield Playground		71,500	71,500
Fire Equipment		8,699	8,699
Highway F550 Truck With Sander & Plow		46,430	46,430
Landfill Transfer Station Building Repairs		6,250	6,250
Police Station Alterations		8,364	8,364
Police Cruiser		44,500	44,500
Police Technology		4,618	4,618
Public Works High Pressure Drain Cleaner		3,161	3,161
Town Clerk Records Storage		2,700	2,700
WWTP Facility Upgrade Engineering		417,383	417,383
		Sub-Total	613,605
WATER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	201,145	182,245	383,390
Indirect Costs		107,880	107,880
Tully Water		34,500	34,500
Capitol Projects & Infrastructure		167,262	167,262
Reserves			14,770
		Sub-Total	707,802
SEWER DEPARTMENT			
Expenses	192,144	161,568	353,712
Indirect Costs		94,626	94,626
Debt - Principle		77,944	77,944
Debt - Interest		20,784	20,784
Capitol Outlay		43,228	43,228
Transfer to Capital		111,385	111,385
Reserves			2,171
		Sub-Total	703,850
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS			
Bassett Trust - Police	5,709	4,744	10,453
Bartolomei - Library		3	3
Cemetery Perpetual Care		1,160	1,160
Moore-Leland - Library		3,911	3,911
Dental Trust Fund		29,734	29,734
Peace Statute		775	775
		Sub-Total	46,036

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	SALARY	EXPENSE	TOTAL
AGENCY FUNDS			
Advertising Notices		1366	1,366
Cable Due to Time Warner		114,308	114,308
Custodial Fees - School	1,423		1,423
Deputy Collector Fees		25,708	25,708
Pistol Permits Due State		12,712	12,712
Public Safety Outside Detail	231,955		231,955
Recycling Bins		45	45
Transfer to General Fund			475
		Sub-Total	387,992
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			25,185,478

ORANGE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Airport is unique among town departments due to its ability to promote and support economic development. According to the 2019 Massachusetts Statewide Airport Economic Impact Study, the Orange Municipal Airport has an estimated \$11,067,000.00 total annual economic impact on our local economy.

In addition to its economic impact, the airport generates revenue through the sale of aviation fuel, airport services, user fees, land leases, rentals, property taxes, and various aviation and non-aviation related events. Airport revenues derived from the sale of aviation fuel are deposited to the airport's revolving fund and used to purchase aviation fuel for resale. All other revenues are deposited to the town's general fund which cover the airport's direct operating costs.

In FY2018 the airport generated \$96k in fuel sales, \$78k in rental revenue, and about \$35k in local property taxes, for a total revenue of \$209k. FY2018 airport operating expenses from the general fund were \$116k. Over the past five years, airport revenues to the town's general fund have exceeded its direct operating costs by an average of \$5,437 each year.

Airport revenues through the first half of FY2019 showed a significant increase from FY2018. Rental revenues have increased due to recent airport improvements which have made the airport more attractive to pilots and businesses. Rental revenues through the first half of FY2019 have increased by 21%. The installation of a new self-service aviation fueling system has also made the airport more desirable to both recreational and corporate pilots by providing aviation fuel 24-hours a day. There has been a 9% increase in aviation fuel sales since the installation of the new self-service aviation fueling system.

Retained earnings from the airport's revolving fund also provide for the town's local share to secure state and federal grants for airport improvements. In 2018 the airport secured a total of \$2,896,283.00 in state and federal grants to complete five major airport improvement projects:

- Reconstruction of Taxiway Delta and the installation of new taxiway lights
- Installation of 5'500 linear feet of airfield security fencing and gates
- Clearing of 60-acres of trees and brush from runway approach and safety zones, both airside and off-airport easements
- Purchase of a new tractor with attachments
- Installation of a new self-service aviation fuel system

Ongoing 2019 projects include an Aeronautical Airspace Study, and a Wildlife Hazard Assessment & Management Plan.

Since 1992, the airport has provided the town's local share match to complete 33 major airport improvement projects. The airport's \$392,419.50 contribution has allowed the town to leverage more than \$13.5 million in state and federal airport improvement grants. The funds were used for the complete reconstruction and modernization of the airport.

Year	Project Title	FAA Share	State Share	Local Share	Total Cost
1992	Obstruction Light Installation	223,918.00	21,000.00	3,880.00	248,798.00
1993	Remove Old Fuel Tanks	-	5,600.00	1,680.00	7,280.00
1994	Repair Runway 14-32	-	7,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
1994	Phase 1 Master Plan	79,668.00	6,196.00	2,656.00	88,520.00
1994	Design Only Runway 01-19	103,500.00	8,050.00	3,450.00	115,000.00
1994	Exhibit A Property Map	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
1995	Reconstruct Runway 01-19	1,214,100.00	94,430.00	40,470.00	1,349,000.00
1996	New Rotating Beacon	-	-	11,000.00	11,000.00
1997	Phase 2 Master Plan	104,400.00	8,700.00	2,900.00	116,000.00
1999	Install Fuel Farm	-	127,280.00	31,820.00	159,100.00
2000	Install Navaid / Windcone	55,800.00	4,340.00	1,860.00	62,000.00
2001	Phase 1 Obstruction Removal	234,000.00	18,200.00	7,800.00	260,000.00
2001	Purchase Airfield Equipment (Tractor)	-	32,067.00	8,017.00	40,084.00
2002	Reconstruct Runway 14-32	1,474,200.00	114,660.00	49,140.00	1,638,000.00
2003	Install Perimeter Fence	362,488.00	68,512.00	-	431,000.00
2006	Update Master Plan	91,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	96,000.00
2007	Phase 1 Easements	177,650.00	4,675.00	4,675.00	187,000.00
2008	Acquire Easements	665,000.00	17,500.00	17,500.00	700,000.00
2009	Remove Obstructions	110,932.00	2,919.00	2,919.00	116,770.00
2009	ARRA Crack Repair RW 01-19	332,000.00	-	-	332,000.00
2010	Remove Obstructions / Rehab RW 14-32	858,800.00	22,600.00	22,600.00	904,000.00
2010	Purchase Airfield Equipment (Truck)	188,100.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	198,000.00
2011	Design Only Apron / Taxiways	412,300.00	10,850.00	10,850.00	434,000.00
2012	Phase 1 Rehab Apron / Taxiways	1,326,600.00	110,550.00	40,000.00	1,477,150.00
2014	Phase 2 Rehab Apron / Taxiways	1,155,600.00	96,300.00	32,100.00	1,284,000.00
2015	Design Only Taxiway Delta Rehab	260,100.00	14,450.00	14,450.00	289,000.00
2018	Reconstruct Taxiway Delta	1,750,500.00	229,525.00	51,975.00	2,032,000.00
2018	Install Security / Wildlife Fencing	-	401,873.00	-	401,873.00
2019	Aeronautical Airspace Study	154,485.00	8,582.50	8,582.50	171,650.00
2019	Wildlife Hazard Assessment/Plan	89,910.00	4,995.00	4,995.00	99,900.00
2019	VMP Clearing		39,000.00	-	39,000.00
2019	New Tractor / Attachments		151,860.00	-	151,860.00
2019	EA Walnut Hill Beacon Site	121,500.00	6,750.00	6,750.00	135,000.00
		11,549,751.00	1,645,814.50	392,419.50	13,587,985.00

As the Town of Orange continues to partner with state and federal funding agencies to improve the airport’s infrastructure, services, and accessibility, airport revenues increase correspondingly. Over the past four years, airport rental revenues have increased by 31% and aviation fuel sale revenues have increased by 30%. Over the past ten years, airport revenues to the town’s general fund have increased by 48%.

Thousands of visitors now fly to Orange each year to conduct business, pursue local development opportunities, and simply to enjoy our beautiful natural resources. Airport visitors, tenants, and businesses pay property taxes and spend money for food, lodging, retail purchases, recreation, and ground transportation, while requiring no services from the town.

One of the most important factors in today's global economy is having access to a modern transportation system that promotes safe, efficient, and rapid movement of people and goods. Access to local air transportation is regularly cited as the single most important consideration by businesses nationwide.

I would like to thank the Town Administrator Gabriele Voelker, the Orange Board of Selectmen, the Orange Finance Committee, the Orange Airport Commission, and the citizens of Orange for your continued support over the years.

The Orange Municipal Airport is proud to serve the citizens of Orange as our gateway to the national air transportation system and the global economy.

Respectfully,
Len Bedaw – Airport Manager

ORANGE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is responsible for the valuation of real estate and personal property subject to taxation. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is responsible for motor vehicle valuations and supplies the data for excise bills. Assessed values for Real and Personal Property are based on “full and fair cash value” as of January 1st preceding each fiscal year.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any assessing issues, please feel free to contact Andrea Gale, Assessors Clerk, at 978-544-1100 x108 or by email at assessors@townoforange.org. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Closed for lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. Wednesday: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00. Closed Friday

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Assessors

Brenda Piro, Chairman
 Cynthia Brown, Member
 Lisa Elliot, Member

Harald M. Scheid – Regional Tax Assessor
 Joshua Gendron –Regional Associate Assessor
 Andrea Gale –Assessors Clerk

Fiscal 2018 Assessments and Revenues by Major Class

<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Levy Percent</u>	<u>Valuations by Class</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
Residential	78.7813%	393,834,078	21.94	8,640,719.67
Commercial	9.4253%	47,117,664	21.94	1,033,761.55
Industrial	8.8841%	44,412,250	21.94	974,404.77
Personal Property	2.9093%	14,543,980	21.94	319,094.92
TOTALS	100%	499,907,972	21.94	10,967,980.91

Fiscal 2018 Assessments and Revenues by Major Class

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Total Valuation</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>	<u>Changes %</u>
2018	21.94	499,907,972	3,459	10,967,980.91	3.1679
2017	21.23	500,763,052	3,469	10,631,199.59	3.5566
2016	21.70	473,091,024	3,470	10,266,075.22	3.9528
2015	20.77	475,479,370	3,488	9,875,706.51	5.0965
2014	19.74	476,028,321	3,486	9,396,799.06	4.5161

Fiscal Year 2018 Abstract of Assessments

<u>Property Class Code/Description</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Class Valuation</u>	<u>Average Value</u>
101 Residential Single Family	2,081	305,110,400	146,617
102 Residential Condominiums	51	6,262,100	122,786
012-043 Mixed Use Properties	51	19,789,818	388,036
104 Residential Two Family	159	18,305,300	115,128
105 Residential Three Family	33	4,145,300	125,615
103, 109 Miscellaneous Residential	129	15,555,200	120,583
111-125 Apartments	38	15,373,100	404,555
130-132, 106 Vacant Land	503	16,507,700	32,818
300-393 Commercial	164	40,029,200	244,080
400-442 Industrial	43	43,341,400	1,007,940
501-508 Personal Property	50	14,543,980	290,880
600-821 Chapter 61, 61A, 61B	157	944,474	6,016
Exempt 900's	207	49,028,482	
TOTALS	3,666	548,936,454	

Assessor's Account for Exemptions and Abatements

<u>Description</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2014</u>
Assessor's Overlay	143,223.84	143,223.84	123,848.09	126,628.51	123,108.94
Overlay Deficits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges to 6/30/2018	87,234.43	83,671.78	69,929.45	92,661.98	100,642.94
Potential Liability	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Balance	55,989.41	59,552.06	53,918.64	33,966.53	22,466.00

New Growth Revenue

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Added Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>New Revenues</u>	<u>Change %</u>
2018	3,158,262	21.23	67,050	-32.52
2017	4,578,750	21.70	99,360	19.06
2016	4,018,106	20.77	83,456	-69.61
2015	13,911,230	19.74	274,607	28.69
2014	11,349,998	18.80	213,380	181.86

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Board of Health Annual Report 2018

Background

The Orange Board of Health staffs one full time Health Agent - Jami Kolosewicz, who was hired on July 16, 2018, and one part time Administrative Assistant, Tammy-Lynn Chace. The Board of Health provides services to the Town of Orange including but not limited to communicable and reportable disease surveillance via an online epidemiological network (MAVEN), public health investigations, public health messaging, 24-7 public health emergency response, seasonal flu vaccination clinics, tobacco control, substance abuse prevention programs, State mandated public health inspections and complaint management. The Board of Health meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6PM in the Board of Health Office located at 135 East Main Street in the Armory Building.

The report below details the services the Orange Board of Health provided to the Town of Orange for the 2018 calendar year. Please contact the Orange Board of Health with any questions, comments, requests for additional information, and to relay any specific public health concerns in Orange. Please visit the Board of Health website for any public health related topics, resources, and Board of Health applications.

Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance

Joan Hamlett is director of the Central Massachusetts Boards of Health Tobacco Control Alliance representing 34 communities including the Town of Orange. Other inspectional staff in the Alliance includes Rick Saudelli, Lisa Parker, and Eric Jack.

The Alliance assists the Local Boards of Health in the 34 communities in drafting local tobacco control regulations and is responsible for conducting youth access to tobacco compliance checks and point-of-purchase audits of all tobacco retail facilities. These inspections ensure retailers are in compliance with State and local regulations surrounding tobacco and to ensure staff is not selling tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18 years. The Alliance also responds to complaints related to the smoke free workplace laws.

Massachusetts Law prohibits the sale of any tobacco products to those under the age of 18 years as discussed in M.G.L. Chapter 270, Section 6. The Federal Synar Amendment requires all states to conduct random, unannounced compliance checks with local retailers where underage youth may attempt to purchase tobacco. There is a direct correlation between the rates of youth access and the funding of programs that educate retailers and enforce the law.

The Orange Board of Health permits 11 retail establishments to sell tobacco products. The Board of Health has tobacco control regulations protecting people in the work place and public places as well regulations for retail establishments in order to reduce the selling of tobacco to youth. A copy of these regulations can be found on the Board of Health website.

Below is a breakdown of the work and inspections the Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance has done for the Town of Orange Board of Health for 2018.

Youth Access:

Number of Store Inspections	21
<i>Includes Community Complaint Inspections</i>	
Number of Violations	0

Retail Education Checks:

Number of Store Inspections	26
<i>Includes one annual inspection, one regulation education, and 3 complaint inspections</i>	
Number of Violations	0
Number of Warnings	1

Smoke-Free Workplace Law or Secondhand smoke Inspections:

Number of complaints requiring Inspections:	4
Number of Violations:	1

Pricing Survey

Number of Inspections:	11
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*Every store gets checked once per fiscal year for pricing survey. DPH/MTCP selects which stores to inspect for each quarter.

OTHER:

- 9 Orange residents were referred to www.makesmokinghistory.org for cessation resources.

- 6 Landlord/Tenants were referred to www.makesmokinghistory.org for information on smoking-free housing after determining that their issues were not a violation of the Smoke-free Workplace Law.
- On December 4, 2018 the Board of Health voted to amend the Orange Board of Health tobacco regulations to raise minimum sales age to purchase tobacco and nicotine products to 21, with an effective date of December 30, 2018.

Substance Abuse Prevention

The North Quabbin Community Coalition (NQCC) Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force is the largest task force this year. It serves as a local communication hub for all involved in the epidemic of heroin and opioid use. This group includes members from the MOAPC Grant serving Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner and Athol as well as members of the Opioid Task Force of Franklin County and NQ. The group also includes representatives from the Northwestern District Attorney's Office, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, both area school districts, law enforcement, treatment providers, community and state agencies as well as community members.

The Task Force continues their work as well to promote the North Quabbin as a community that cares, and supports both prevention and long term recovery. They, in collaboration with The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and The Opioid Task Force have launched The North Quabbin Recovery Center which officially opened on April 6, 2018. The center is located at 416 Main St. in Athol and serves all North Quabbin residents, both peers and allies.

This task force is diverse and mighty and represents both Worcester County and Franklin to make sure those living and working in North Quabbin get the best resources both have to offer. Both have joined the task force to share updates and continue their strives to better serve our community.

Please visit www.nqcc.org for more information.

Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force

- Meets the first Tuesday of every Month 10-11:30am
- Participates in River Rat Race Parade for pro-social messages, as well as prevention, treatment, and intervention
- Hosts and Coordinates National Night Out Event Petersham, Athol and Orange
- Distributes information for parents at Family Fun Day, Munch N' Move, The Big Read, and regularly from NQCC Office and Website
- Supports/Promotes Project Purple
- Brings together substance abuse prevention work and resources from both East and West, Luk INC., FRCOG, OTF of FC and NQ,
- Shares and informs practice across task forces and working groups
- Promotes/supports the training and use of Naloxone and Nasal Narcan
- Helps spread messages of District Attorney Dave Sullivan's Text-A-Tip and Quabbin Mediation's Active Bystanding Program

Region 2 Emergency Preparedness Coalition:

The Massachusetts Region 2 Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition is comprised of 74 cities and towns throughout central Massachusetts and is responsible to facilitate and assist those communities with their Public Health emergency planning and preparedness.

Region 2 contains the largest number of communities and comprises the largest geographical land mass of the sixteen coalitions in the state. Established in 2004, each community appoints a representative to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee elects an Executive Committee that is responsible for the management and oversight of the coalition and its consultant staff. Staff includes a Program Coordinator, Program Consultants/Planners and a Training/Technical Consultant. The coalition is funded through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention via the Massachusetts DPH. The host agency for the coalition is the City of Worcester. The Town of Orange is served by the Region 2 PHEP Coalition. The Health Agent Jami Kolosewicz is the representative for Orange to the Steering Committee.

Communicable Disease

A crucial part of public health is disease surveillance, investigation, and intervention. The Orange Board of Health Agent monitors the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiological Network (MAVEN) for the Town of Orange, and completes follow-up investigations on communicable and other reportable diseases. The Board of Health contracts with Athol Hospital to perform TB testing and direct-observation-therapy (DOT) on tuberculosis (TB) patients to ensure compliance. The types and numbers of disease reports in the Town of Orange are listed below.

Total number of MAVEN cases (including confirmed (C), contact (CT), probable (P), revoked (R), and suspect (S)): 119

- Babesiosis: 2 (R)
- Giardiasis: 2 (C)
- Group A Streptococcus: 4 (R)
- Group B Streptococcus: 4 (C), 2 (R)
- Haemophilus influenzae: 1 (C)
- Hepatitis C: 7 (C), 1 (P), 3 (R)
- Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis: 1 (S)
- Influenza: 73 (C), 1 (S)
- Lyme Disease: 15 (S)
- Salmenellosis: 1 (C)
- Streptococcus pneumoniae: 1 (C)
- Varicella: 1 (R)

Flu Clinics

The Orange Board of Health did not offer a flu clinic this year due to staffing changes, but they will resume in 2019.

Sharps Disposal Mandate

Effective July 1, 2012, sharps, as well as unopened packages of hypodermic needles and lancets, shall not be disposed of in solid municipal waste, including household waste, and shall be collected and disposed of in accordance with 105 CMR 480. The Orange Board of Health Department is a drop off site to dispose of sharps, supplying sharps containers at no cost to residents to bring back when full. The Board of Health will not turn anyone away regardless of residency.

Community Improvement/Services:

Attorney General's Abandoned Housing Initiative- The Orange Board of Health is partnering with the Attorney General Office's Abandoned Housing Initiative to tackle residential abandoned/vacant housing in the Town of Orange. Many of these properties are in conditions of disrepair that make them unsafe, become an attractive nuisance to kids, vandalism, breaking and entering, squatters, and blight to the neighborhood. This initiative helps to bring these properties back into compliance thru enforcement and receivership. This is an ongoing project to increase property values in the community, prevent vandalism, decrease blight, and increase the overall image of housing in the Town.

For more information or to report a property you think is a candidate for this initiative, please contact the Orange Board of Health.

Electronic Payment System - In an effort to make business transactions easier and more convenient for some customers, the Orange Board of Health voted to be part of the Town's Electronic Payment System via Unipay Gold. Business transactions can be made on the Board of Health's website using the "Pay online for Applications" link. All Board of Health applications have been made available in PDF form on the Board of Health website as well.

Pre-Rental Housing Inspections Program- The Orange Board of Health has started offering pre-rental housing inspections for not just MRVP/Section 8 but for any rental property for a fee of \$75 per unit. The program services include a dwelling unit inspection in addition to common areas, a re-inspection (if required), and a certificate of fitness for human habitation for units in full compliance with the MA State Housing Code 105 CMR 410.000. Landlords or an authorized agent may request a pre-rental inspection prior to new tenants moving in or 30 days before the start of a lease agreement. There are many benefits to this program. Landlords benefit by receiving guidance on housing code requirements, documentation of the rental unit at the beginning of tenancy that can be utilized against illegal rent withholding and tenant damage to the unit, and marketable units to interested renters.

Tenants benefit by being provided with a legal, safe and sanitary dwelling unit, and receive education on their responsibilities and rights as a tenant.

This program also benefits the community by receiving proper care and maintenance of residential properties, promoting healthy homes that protect children, seniors and other occupants, and ensuring legal and proper use of the dwellings in accordance with zoning, building, and sanitary code requirements.

Applications for pre-rental inspections can be found online at the Board of Health website under the "Downloadable Forms and Applications" link. Pre-rental inspections can be scheduled with the Health Agent Jami Kolosewicz by calling 978-544-1107.

Public Health Inspections:

Local public health authorities are mandated through federal and State law to enforce codes, regulations and by-laws as necessary to ensure the health and welfare of its inhabitants. Various enforcement actions within the Food, Public-Semi Public Pools, Title 5, Housing, Recreational Camps, Body Art, and Mobile Park regulations are provided by the Board of Health. Below is a summary of inspections for the calendar year 2018.

General Inspections:

- 22 Nuisance Complaint Inspections (trash, odors, ect)
- 33 Housing Complaint Inspections
- 12 Housing Complaint Reinspections
- 16 Pre Rental Housing Inspections
- 1 Recreational Camp Inspections
- 1 Public Swimming Pool Inspections
- 2 Body Art Facilities Inspections
- 2 Campground Inspection
- 2 Motel/Inn Inspections

Food Inspections:

- 75 Food Establishment Inspections
- 15 Re Inspections
- 0 Food Establishment Complaint Inspections
- 58 Temporary Food Inspections

Title 5:

- 27 Septic System Inspections (New, upgrades, repairs)
- 20 Soil Testing (Percs, deep hole observations)
- 13 Septic System Design Plan Reviews
- 27 Title 5 Inspection Report Reviews (as of July 2018)

Animal Inspector:

Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Division of Animal Health. Although bat strain rabies has been known to exist in Massachusetts since the 1960's, a small bat population in the state and infrequent exposures limited the need for widespread awareness and control. The raccoon rabies

epidemic beginning in 1992 posed new problems for public health officials. Massachusetts law requires that owners of cats and dogs vaccinate their pets for rabies

A municipal Animal Inspector is nominated under M.G.L. c. 129 and approved by the Department of Food and Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health. Animal Inspector duties include investigating into and issuing rabies quarantine orders; investigation of animal complaints; and conducting yearly barn inspections.

A Ten Day Rabies Quarantine is the strict confinement of an apparently healthy domestic animal that has bitten or scratched a human or other domestic animal. Quarantine is the confinement of a domestic animal from humans and other animals for the purposes of observing the animal for signs of rabies and minimizing chances of the animal spreading rabies to humans and other animals. This includes isolation and strict confinement. The Animal Inspector, after completing an investigation and determining that a domestic animal has bitten or scratched a human or another domestic animal, issues a written order to the person in custody of the biting animal requiring the animal to be placed under Strict Confinement for a period of ten days. The Ten Day quarantine applies regardless of the vaccination status of the biting animal.

If during this ten-day period the animal in strict confinement displays symptoms compatible with

Rabies, the animal shall be euthanized immediately, and the Animal Inspector and Department shall be notified. Samples from any such euthanized animal, or animal which dies from any cause during the quarantine period, shall be submitted for rabies testing as described in 330 CMR 10.09.

A 45 Day Rabies Quarantine is when a domestic animal has a wound of unknown origin or has been exposed to a potential rabid animal and is up to date on rabies vaccination. The Animal Inspector, upon completion of an investigation and upon determination that a domestic animal has been exposed, will issue a written order to the person in custody of the exposed animal.

Where the Exposed domestic animal is Unvaccinated the quarantine period shall be 4 months with vaccination given a month prior to release.

For additional information on rabies quarantines please visit:
<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/rabies-control-program/>

Rabies Quarantines for 2018:

- 10 Day Quarantines: 7
- 45 Day Quarantines: 3
- 4 Month Quarantines: 1

Additionally the Animal Inspector conducts yearly barn inspections filling out a Barn Book issued by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of collecting information on where farm animals (chickens, goats, horses, alpacas, pigs, turkeys, donkeys ect) are kept, noting the number and kind of each animal, minimum standards of shelter available, observations of the health status of the animals, and any cases of potential animal abuse or neglect. Christian Hains was nominated as Animal Inspector on December 27, 2017 by the Select Board to assist the Health Agent in doing the annual barn inspections.

Budget Overview:

The Board of Health operates with a revolving fund with a spending limit of \$30,000. Line item expenditures were created to ensure proper allocation of money within the department's operating budget. The revolving fund is primarily funded by revenue from Board of Health permit fees. Below is a list of permits, licenses, and applications generating revenue to the revolving fund for 2018.

- 2 Bathing Beach Permit
- 4 Body Art / Body Practitioner Permits
- 2 Cabins/Campground Permits
- 1 Dairy Pasteurization Permit
- 7 Disposal Works Construction (Septic) Permits
- 76 Food Establishment Permits
- 2 Frozen Dessert Manufacturing Permits
- 2 Funeral Director Permit
- 3 Mobile Home Park Permits
- 3 Motel/Inn Permits
- 16 Pre Rental Housing Inspection Permits
- 2 Recreational Camp Permit
- 22 Hauler Permits (Septage and Trash)
- 11 Septic Plan Re-Reviews
- 13 Soil Testing Permits
- 1 Semi Public/Public Swimming Pool Permit
- 58 Temporary Food Establishment Permits
- 27 Title 5 Inspection Reports (File/Review Fee) - as of July 2018
- 11 Tobacco Retail Permits
- 9 Well Permits

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Respectfully Submitted – Jami Kolosewicz

BOARD of SELECTMEN THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

After a town meeting vote in 2017, the Board moved from a three member to a five member Board. At the Annual Town Election in March, Jane Peirce and Tom Smith were welcomed on board. At the reorganizing of the Board of Selectmen which occurs following the Annual Town Election, Richard Sheridan was elected Chairman; Ryan Mailloux, Vice-Chairman; James Cornwell, Clerk; and Jane Peirce and Tom Smith, Members. Richard Sheridan resigned in July and the Board decided to continue the remainder of the year as a four member Board.

Gabriele Voelker was appointed as Town Administrator in July and also continued on as Acting Treasurer. Wendy Johnson retired from the Executive Assistant position in August after dedicating over 20 years to the Town. Amanda Carey was welcomed on as Administrative Assistant in September.

This year, a substantial amount of work went into getting The Point Properties sold. This has been an ongoing project for many years. There is hope that all of the properties will be sold by the end of 2019.

The Board of Selectmen began Working Sessions at their meetings to prioritize updating personnel and other policies for the Town.

Castle Rock, an original Hulu TV series based on numerous written works by Stephen King, filmed in Town. This brought lots of excitement and buzz to The Friendly Town. Filming was a tremendous success and Castle Rock greatly supported many local businesses.

The Board of Selectmen urge you to get out and support the events around Town that happen throughout the year including River Rat, Third Thursday Street Fairs, the Military History Expo, the Summer Solstice, the Engine Show, Celebrate the Harvest, and Starry Starry Night. These are just a few of the many events that happen each year. Be sure to check the Town website to find out more about what is happening in Orange.

The Board of Selectmen thanks the Orange Merchants Group for putting together the Street Light Decorating Contest to raise money for Christmas lights for the downtown area. There were countless compliments from people stating how great the Town looked when it was decorated. The Board of Selectmen also thanks Colin Killay and the Highway Department employees for taking the time to get outlets installed on each light post.

The Board of Selectmen cannot say **“THANK YOU”** enough to all who have stepped forward; to the employees, all the Town departments, service organizations, and the many volunteers who did and are still doing a magnificent job throughout the year.



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2018 ANNUAL REPORT BUILDING DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of Orange:

I hereby submit my Second Annual Report of the Building Department.

In the year of 2018 there were many changes in town as several solar systems projects have begun construction and new commercial buildings were built at Pete's Tire Barn and Seaman's Paper. Potential growth for 2019 looks promising as cannabis and additional solar companies intend to build. The Building Department, in conjunction with the Planning Board, will continue to work together to bring in new growth which will increase jobs and expand tax revenues.

The following are the statistics for the department for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. The estimated value of the building construction in Orange during 2018 was \$14,329,080. There was a total of \$108,300.00 expended to fund the building department. A total of \$270,205.00 was collected in fees or 249% of the cost of operation.

The following is a list of permits issued during the year.

Building Inspector

299 Permits Issued
\$14,329,080 Value of Construction
\$138,819.00 Collected in permit fees

Electric Inspector

202 Permits Issued
\$ 0 Not provided by applicants
\$118,611.00 Collected in fees

Plumbing Inspector

53 Permits Issued
\$0 Not provided by applicants
\$8,085.00 Collected in permit fees

Gas Inspector

54 Permits Issued
\$0 Not provided by applicants
\$4,690.00 Collected in permit fees

Respectfully Submitted,
Phil Harris
Inspector of Buildings

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

The Capital Improvement Committee for Orange is established under Town By Laws – Chapter 12 – Article III. They are charged with the responsibility to study proposed capital expenditures that are made in order to provide, replace, or improve the facilities that furnish services to the public.

The majority of the work of the Committee takes place at the start of a new budget cycle for any given fiscal year, and is completed with the presentation of their report/recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and approval. This report shall be submitted to the Annual Town Meeting for adoption by the Town. In this light, the Capital Improvement Committee also works with the Orange Finance Committee to insure their report is published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the Finance Committee Report.

The Capital Improvement Committee has a membership of 5 members and a 6th member being an alternate. Due to conflicting Town By Laws, there have only been 4 members available for regular meetings. This constitutes a proper quorum in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, so routine business is able to be accomplished. During the next calendar year, 2019, there will be a warrant article changing the composition of the Committee to allow the regular 5 members, plus the alternate, to be able to participate in normal Committee activities. This warrant article will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting in June of 2019 for approval.

The Capital Improvement Committee, like any committee or board in Orange, depends on public participation. Becoming involved with Town policies and procedures is the right and obligation of any citizen of Town. The willingness to become involved should also be the concern and goal of these same citizens.

ORANGE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

The Orange Cemetery Department has gone through a major transition period during 2018. After the rescission of the DPW vote at a Town Meeting, the Orange Cemetery Department was combined with the Highway and Parks Departments. The combination of these three departments necessitated one Superintendent be assigned to manage these assets. Collin Killay was hired as the Superintendent of Highways, Cemeteries and Parks to oversee these activities. The Cemetery Department saw a replacement of its Working Supervisor during the year. The Cemetery Department also increased its staff to three employees during the year. These individuals have also been involved with the upkeep of the Town Parks as part of their work assignments. This new department make-up has resulted in a more productive, better managed, team of workers with an increase in the department morale.

2018 ORANGE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

These listed activities are the totals for the seven cemeteries that are maintained by this department:

TOTAL INTERMENTS DURING 2018 – 45
Traditional Interments – 19
Cremation Interments – 26

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ORANGE CEMETERY COMMISSION

George CF Willard
James E. Cornwell
Steven Johnson

SE (Sewer Liens) BE (Septic Betterments) RB (Road Betterments)
 WL (Water Liens) QRB (Quabbin Road Betterments)
 LFS (Sewer Fees) LFW (Water Fees)

Year	Tax	Recommitted 7/1/2017	Committed	Paid	Outstanding 6/30/2018
2013	SE	\$156.18			\$156.18
2016	SE	\$630.09			\$630.09
2016	LFS	\$50.00			\$50.00
2017	SE	\$1,822.48		\$1,274.67	\$547.81
2017	LSF	\$413.27		\$300.00	\$113.27
2017	WL	\$189.80		\$189.80	\$0.00
2017	LFW	\$25.00		\$25.00	\$0.00
2017	QRB	\$83.63		\$83.63	\$0.00
2017	RB	\$192.31		\$192.31	\$0.00
2018	SE	\$29,925.64		\$28,745.36	\$1,180.28
2018	LSF	\$4,900.00		\$4,600.00	\$300.00
2018	WL	\$1,286.50		\$1,286.50	\$0.00
2018	LFW	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$0.00
2018	BE	\$1,726.51		\$1,726.51	\$0.00
2018	QRB	\$5,160.96		\$5,099.52	\$61.44
2018	RB	\$2,115.41		\$1,923.10	\$192.31
Total		\$48,877.78		\$45,646.40	\$3,231.38

Transaction Report for FY18

Real Estate (RE)						
Year	Recommitted 7/1/2017	Committed	Paid	Abate Exemptions Adjust Tax Title	Refunds Adjust Reversal	Outstanding 6/30/2018
1987	\$666.22		\$272.72			\$393.50
1988	\$440.83		\$440.83			\$0.00
1989	\$383.80		\$0.00			\$383.80
1990	\$3,816.79		\$2,048.84			\$1,767.95
1991	\$11,248.46		\$293.02			\$10,955.44
1992	\$1,464.96		\$0.00			\$1,464.96
2001	\$492.53		\$0.00			\$492.53
2002	\$904.71		\$0.00			\$904.71
2003	\$1,178.37		\$0.00			\$1,178.37
2004	\$921.31		\$0.00			\$921.31
2005	\$775.87		\$0.00			\$775.87
2006	\$874.07		\$0.00			\$874.07
2007	\$880.92		\$0.00			\$880.92
2008	\$595.66		\$0.00			\$595.66
2009	\$523.99		\$0.00			\$523.99
2010	\$981.52		\$0.00			\$981.52
2011	\$1,316.65		\$1,168.89		\$600.00	\$747.76
2012	\$1,952.97		\$1,195.84			\$757.13
2013	\$4,513.88		\$1,242.68			\$3,271.20
2014	\$5,607.75		\$3,340.85			\$2,266.90
2015	\$18,192.55		\$9,365.34	\$930.94	\$185.00	\$8,081.27
2016	\$66,379.94		\$40,986.02	\$2,086.75	\$955.27	\$24,262.44
2017	\$257,973.23		\$185,943.82	\$7,127.12	\$6,568.22	\$71,470.51
2018		\$10,648,886.03	\$10,160,831.36	\$224,058.30	\$55,091.03	\$319,087.40
Totals	\$382,086.98	\$10,648,886.03	\$10,407,130.21	\$234,203.11	\$63,399.52	\$453,039.21

Transaction Reports for FY18

Motor Vehicle Excise (MVE)

Year	Recommended 7/1/2017	Committed	Paid Rescinded	Abated Adjusted	Refunds Adjusted	Outstanding 6/30/2018
2012	\$3,084.18		\$34.38	\$3,385.23	\$335.43	\$0.00
2013	\$5,062.86		\$752.30	\$4,326.24	\$15.68	\$0.00
2014	\$7,427.95		\$1,911.67			\$5,516.28
2015	\$9,260.70	\$98.13	\$2,434.41	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$6,924.42
2016	\$21,151.51	\$583.75	\$11,248.95	\$991.98	\$681.57	\$10,175.90
2017	\$114,794.59	\$83,363.20	\$164,819.87	\$17,218.08	\$9,572.69	\$25,692.53
2018		\$709,772.25	\$613,171.21	\$11,594.01	\$7,608.30	\$92,615.33
Total	\$160,781.79	\$793,817.33	\$794,372.79	\$37,573.04	\$18,271.17	\$140,924.46

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Personal Property (PP)

Year	Recommended 7/1/2017	Committed	Paid	Abated Exempted Adjusted	Refund Adjusted	Outstanding 6/30/2018
2014	\$440.59					\$440.59
2015	\$1,753.50		\$4.12	\$12.60		\$1,736.78
2016	\$2,046.46					\$2,046.46
2017	\$2,743.69		\$1,188.67			\$1,555.02
2018		\$319,094.92	\$317,598.98	\$7,926.29	\$8,362.04	\$1,931.69
Total	\$6,984.24	\$319,094.92	\$318,791.77	\$7,938.89	\$8,362.04	\$7,710.54

Departmentals

	Recommended 7/1/2017	Committed	Paid	Outstanding 6/30/2018
Armory		\$8,680.00	\$8,680.00	
Cemetery		\$25,330.00	\$25,330.00	
Trailer	\$1,704.00	\$26,508.00	\$28,020.00	\$192.00
Total	\$1,704.00	\$60,518.00	\$62,030.00	\$192.00

ORANGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION – 2018

As the local economy picks up, the Conservation Commission is receiving more applications for work within areas subject to jurisdiction of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, including the buffer zone. These applications proposed commercial projects such as solar arrays as well as private home construction and improvements.

The Conservation Commission also has many conversations regarding how to go about complying with the Act, and even how to avoid having to file by keeping activities out of regulated areas. We have worked with the town's DPW to address road and culvert repairs and with local property owners and businesses who want to conduct maintenance on their lands.

In 2018, the Conservation Commission issued:

- Five Orders of Conditions,
- Twelve Determinations of Applicability, and
- One Abbreviated Order of Resource Area Delineation,
- Two Emergency Certifications, and
- Two Certificates of Compliance.

The original mission assigned to municipal Conservation Commissions when established in 1958 is acquisition and management of open space within their Towns' boundaries. In support of this mission, we interact with various land management organizations to identify lands for preservation as open space and to develop funding and support for its preservation. We also manage parcels of conservation land donated or otherwise acquired by the Town for the benefit of our citizens and the natural environment we value and enjoy.

It is the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act for which the Conservation Commission is best known – or most notorious, depending on the point of view. To better understand these complicated and ever-changing regulations, Commissioners attend courses and workshops throughout the year.

As continues to be true every year, our commitment to the Citizens of Orange is that the members of the Conservation Commission, while administering the Act, will do our best to assist applicants through the review process in as informative and friendly a manner as possible. It is our belief that this approach not only best protects the benefits provided by our natural resources, but also makes compliance with a difficult and confusing set of regulations as pleasant and easy a process as it can be.

Anyone having questions or comments is strongly encouraged to get in touch with the Conservation Commission.

Alec MacLeod, Chair



Town of Orange Council on Aging

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Tracy Gaudet, Director



Annual Report FY 2018

The Orange Council on Aging works to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing services for Senior Citizens in our town. The COA is a coordinating agency joining other local groups to work together to support the elderly in our area.

The Orange Council on Aging is located at 135 East Main Street in the Orange Armory Building. The COA office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 – 4:30. To reach the office please call 978-544-3481. The Council on Aging would like to recognize and thank the Board of Directors for their time and dedication in support of our elder senior residents:

Robert Carey, Chair
Henry Oertel, Co-Chair
Jeannette DeJackome
Bonnie Bradshaw
Audrey McKenney
Lynn Price
Joanne Wheeler
Ken Reynolds
Rebecca White

The year of 2018 was a year of growth, both in our programming and visitors to the center.

The Council on Aging received two grants from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs as follows:

1. A Formula Grant in the amount of \$16,063 which pays the wages of a part-time secretary, various programming i.e. foot clinic, programming supplies, office equipment, etc.
2. The Service Incentive Grant is in the amount of \$14,000. The Service Incentive Grant is a consortium which serves the towns of Orange, Warwick and Royalston. This money is granted to the town of Orange and therefore, The Town of Orange is charged with the task of increasing outreach in these two additional rural towns. This grant pays the wages and expenses of the outreach worker.

Activities at the senior center include:

Soup 'n Social is prepared at the Senior Center and offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, tai chi, two congregate meals each week were provided by Life Path, Inc., COPD workshops, monthly foot clinic, monthly blood pressure clinics, rug braiding, chair exercising, coloring group, monthly movie, sewing class, acrylic painting, charcoal drawing, brown bag , book exchange, free income tax preparation by AARP, music concerts, cake decorating, bay leaf workshop, a matter of balance program run by Life Path and many more.

The Council on Aging assisted 224 clients with health care applications and 232 follow up appointments. Health care applications include state subsidy programs such as Masshealth, Health Safety Net, Prescription Advantage, LIS, Medicare savings program, Medicare supplemental plans and more.

The Council on Aging met 63 new clients this year.

The council assisted with 542 walk-ins, and screened 1,933 telephone calls.

The council completed 82 fuel assistance intakes and AARP Volunteers served 64 seniors who filed income tax returns.

Additional assistance included USDA grant applications, SNAP applications, referrals to community legal aid.

The Friends of the Orange Council on Aging is a nonprofit 501©3 organization and supports the Council on Aging financially with special programming and funded the refinishing of our activities room.

In closing, the Council on Aging would like to thank The Town Administrator, Gabriel Voelker, The Board of Selectmen and the many generous volunteers for without their continued attention, support and assistance the Senior Center would not be what it has become.

It is a pleasure serving as Director of the Orange Council on Aging,

Tracy Gaudet

**ORANGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION
ANNUAL REPORT
2018**

The OEDIC concentrated on marketing the Randall Pond Industrial Park Project. MassECON notified the OEDIC of potential tenants all of whom wanted rail, natural gas, and/or more acreage than available in the Park

Four lots of approximately 33.5 were sold this year. One lot of 4.552 acres remains.

The OEDIC has been using the expertise within its Board to provide consultation to several businesses in the area on issues of financing and expansion.

The OEDIC has been providing site location and selection assistance to retail enterprises attempting to locate in the town of Orange.

The Board of Selectmen appoints the members of the Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are as follows:

Mark Ostberg, Chairman
Richard Sheridan, Clerk
Karl Bittenbender, Treasurer
Mark Wright
Sara Lyman

Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management Annual Report for 2018

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Orange:

I hereby submit this annual report of the Fire-Rescue-EMS and Emergency Management Departments for calendar year 2018.

2018 was both a challenging and productive year for the departments. A need for administrative support and additional staffing still exists with the ever-increasing duties of operating the Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management functions within the organization. Aging apparatus, equipment, and facilities, along with limited staffing, continue to hamper the efforts of the departments to provide the best possible quality of service to the citizens we serve.

The Orange Fire Department Headquarters, located at 18 Water Street, was constructed in 1936 and designed for much smaller emergency apparatus. The current building is in disrepair and no longer meets the needs of a modern organization. An affirmative vote at the August 2018 Special Town Meeting authorized up to \$100,000.00 to repair the leaking flat roof on the rear of the Water Street station and replace a rotted structural beam. This repair is necessary to preserve the current building but does not address a multitude of limitations imposed upon our organization due to operating from an obsolete facility. The Water Street station should be extensively renovated or a new Headquarters/Public Safety Complex constructed on another site. Funding requests for a new Public Safety Complex have been included in the Fire Department's five-year Capital Improvement Plan.

The Department experienced some staffing changes during 2018. Recruitment and retention of Paid On-Call Firefighters remains a challenging endeavor. The demanding training schedule coupled with the amount of time necessary for response to emergencies contributes to the difficulty in attracting new members to join the on-call staff. There are currently 10 Paid On-Call Firefighters employed by the Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency, 21 are needed to operate efficiently. Hiring to fill some of these vacancies will take place during the early months of 2019. Anyone seeking information about joining the department as a Paid On-Call Firefighter can visit the Water Street station and speak with the on-duty staff or obtain an application. On-call member Joseph Larson was promoted to a Career Firefighter/EMT during the month of January to fill a vacancy created by another member's resignation. We wish FF Larson a long, healthy, safe, and productive career with our organization. On-call Captain Gerald Powling retired from the Orange Fire Department during the month of September. Captain Powling joined our department in 1991 rising through the ranks serving as a Firefighter, EMT, Lieutenant, and ultimately Captain of Engine 2. Officer in charge of Station 2, Michael Smith, retired from our Department during the month of December. OIC Smith served area fire departments for a total of 31 years. He served the Town of Orange from 2012-2018 beginning as a Firefighter assigned to Station 2 and retiring as the Officer in charge of that station. We wish Captain Powling and OIC Smith both a happy, healthy retirement and thank them for their selfless service for so many years.

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency remains one of busiest in Franklin County in regards to total number of incidents responded to annually. The department responded to a total of 2,235 calls for service in 2018 divided into the following categories:

Building Fires-28	Emergency Medical/Rescue-1353
Vehicle Fires-9	Overpressure/Rupture/Explosion-3
Brush/Vegetation Fires-6	Outside/Trash Fires-6
Good Intent Call-75	Motor Vehicle Accidents-100
Service Call-282	Hazardous Materials/Condition-56
False Alarm-73	Severe Weather/Natural Disaster-8
Fires (Other)-20	Special Incident Type-216

This compares with 2,241 calls in the year 2017 and 2,192 calls in the year 2016. Of the total calls for service in 2018, 299 or 13.38% occurred simultaneously with another response. These situations prove to be very challenging for the department as limited amounts of staffing can typically handle only one response at a time. Overlapping calls frequently require the request for mutual aid resulting in a delayed response by out-of-town agencies. Due to the activity of the department, many times both fire stations are unstaffed. If you call the station and do not get an answer, all personnel are committed to department activities or an emergency response. Please use 911 to report any emergencies as these calls are answered by a regional dispatch center located in Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts that is staffed at all times. The Orange Fire Department is equipped with a voicemail service for non-emergency calls. Messages are checked regularly and personnel will return your call. In an effort to reduce the frequency of requesting mutual aid resources, leaving the fire station unstaffed, and to provide a greater level of public safety, the Fire Department applied for and was awarded a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Services (SAFER) grant administered through FEMA during the month of August. This grant will allow our department to hire three additional full-time Firefighter/EMTs increasing shift staffing from three to four full-time personnel per shift. The SAFER grant requires matching municipal funds for each of the three years it will be awarded and we thank those who voted in favor of supporting this financial commitment to enhance the level of service provided by our organization. The additional personnel are scheduled to begin working in February 2019.

Sadly, the pattern of fire related fatalities beginning in Franklin County during February of 2016 has not come to an end. Fifteen people in Franklin County have lost their lives as a result seven separate residential building fires since then. The Town of Orange experienced two of these fatal fires during 2018. The first on Glenwood Avenue, claimed the life of an elderly female. The second fire on West Main Street during October resulted in the death of an adult female and injured an adult male who jumped from a second-story window to escape the fire. Our thoughts and hearts remain with the families, friends, and first-responders involved in these tragic events. The investigations following these most recent tragedies revealed the cause to be improper disposal of smoking materials with no evidence of working smoke detectors in both residences. The Orange Fire Department encourages all residents to install and maintain properly working smoke alarms in accordance with building and fire codes. These devices afford you the most precious resource you can have during an emergency in your home; TIME to escape and notify emergency responders. In response to these most recent incidents, the Orange Fire Department teamed up with the American Red Cross of Massachusetts for the third time offering free installation of smoke detectors in homes without or with insufficient protection from properly functioning devices. During the month of December, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were

installed in 55 homes throughout the Town! If you or someone you know requires assistance obtaining or installing a properly operating smoke detector or carbon monoxide alarm, please contact the fire station for assistance.

The department continues to operate apparatus that is in need of replacement. A list of the department's vehicles below includes the condition of the vehicle and the manner in which it was procured if other than purchased by the Town:

Station 1

Ladder 1-2007 KME 100-foot Aerial-500 gallons water-2000 gpm (gallons per minute) pump-excellent condition, purchased with Federal grant, no grant match provided by the Town of Orange (funds for grant match and building to house the truck raised through private donations)

Engine 2-2001 HME/Smeal Pumper-750 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-fair condition (scheduled for reassignment to Station 2 as Engine 1 during 2019)

Engine 3-1988 Pierce Pumper-750 gallons water-1250 gpm pump-good condition (purchased used from the City of Greenfield in 2015 to replace a 1980 pumper permanently removed from service)

Ambulance 1-2009 GMC 4500/Braun-fair condition (scheduled for replacement during 2019)

Ambulance 2-2016 Dodge 5500/Lifeline-excellent condition

Squad 7-2017 Ford F-350-excellent condition

Car 1-2009 Ford Expedition command vehicle-poor condition-purchased with funds from a private donation (scheduled for replacement in 2019)

Brush 8-1985 Chevrolet 1-ton pickup with skid unit-150 gallons water-150 gpm pump-poor condition-Federal surplus property (2018 pending grant application for replacement)

Squad 9-1980 GMC box truck/breathing air supply unit-poor condition-Federal surplus property (scheduled replacement in 2019 with mobile breathing air compressor trailer awarded under FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant award)

Mass Decontamination Trailer-very good condition-regional trailer owned by the Commonwealth

Boat 1-Achilles inflatable boat with 20 horsepower Nissan outboard motor, excellent condition

ATV-Kawasaki Mule all-wheel drive utility vehicle-MA state grant with no Town match-fair condition

Fire Alarm-1997 Ford F-450 with telescoping bucket, MA State grant with no town match-good condition

Station 2

Engine 1-1987 Mack/Pierce Pumper-1000 gallons water-1500 gpm pump-poor condition (scheduled replacement during spring/summer of 2019 with rescue pumper awarded under FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant award)

Tender 4-2010 VTech Vacuum Tank-3000 gallons water-no pump-federal grant with 5% Town match-excellent condition

Class B Foam Trailer-regional trailer owned by the Fire Chief's Association of Massachusetts-excellent condition

The Fire Department continues to seek alternative sources of funding in an effort to ease the financial burden on the taxpayers. A highly competitive Federal Grant Application has been submitted to replace

the 1985 Chevrolet brush truck, various hoses/water flow appliances, and thermal imagers. Awarding of these grant applications is expected to begin during the spring and end during the fall of 2019. Additionally, the Department received the following alternative sources of funding during 2018:

- \$2460.00 Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (State Grant) matched dollar for dollar by annual subscription fee to CodeRed emergency notification system (purchased bulk alkaline batteries, small portable generator, and misting fan unit for firefighter rehabilitation during incidents)
- \$3708.00 Student Awareness of Fire Safety Education Grant (State Grant with no Town match). Funding used for fire safety educational materials and wages for personnel participating in the educational programs)
- \$85,715 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Town match of \$4,285 for the purchase of a high-pressure mobile breathing air compressor mounted on a trailer
- \$476,191 FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant with Town match of \$23,809 for the purchase of a new fire engine. The Town also voted to appropriate an additional \$50,000 providing a total budget of \$550,000 for the new apparatus
- A three-year \$435,483 FEMA SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) Grant with a Town match of \$270,702 for the hiring (salaries and benefits) of three additional full-time Firefighter/EMTs

The Orange Fire-Rescue-EMS Agency strives to recover as much revenue as possible in an effort to offset the Department’s monetary impact to the Town’s overall operating budget. During calendar year 2018, the following amounts of revenue were collected recovering 65.04% of the Fire, Ambulance, and Emergency Management Department’s total operating budget:

• Insurance reimbursements for ambulance transports	\$532,780.17
• Medicaid Reimbursement Program	\$29,422.00
• Assessments to surrounding Towns for ALS Ambulance Service	\$140,272.50
• Permits/Fees	\$9,420.00
• Surplus Vehicles/Property	\$1,005.00
• Total	\$712,899.67

In addition to recognizing the continued dedication of the Orange Fire Department membership, the department would also like to thank all of our employee’s families who allow them to commit the many hours necessary for training and response to emergencies. Also, thank you to the Citizens of Orange for your continued support of our Department in all that we do.

Respectfully submitted:
James R. Young Jr.-Chief of Department/Emergency Management Director



TOWN OF ORANGE

Colin P. Killay

Highway, Cemetery & Parks Superintendent

526 East River St.

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2019 marks the beginning of my second year as the Superintendent of Highway, Cemetery & Parks and Tree Warden. The Highway Department is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 90 miles of road, both paved and gravel, 12 bridges, storm water management, maintenance of the sewer collection system, 7 Town parks and common spaces, 5 municipal parking lots, Town maintained sidewalks and municipal equipment.

My first year has been spent assessing infrastructure and equipment. We are in the process of concluding the Complete Street program, which should be finished this spring. This will begin the replacement of the East Road Bridge, pavement management program, picking up the North Main Street project and several other construction projects. We are also applying for a federal grant to replace the Fairman Road culvert. We replaced a large culvert in Tully that was failing. We have also replaced several pieces of equipment. We purchased two Freightliner dump/plow trucks using Chapter 90 funds that will greatly improve our winter operations as well as our maintenance program. We took possession of the new Ford F-550 that was voted at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting. We were able to purchase a new roller and trailer out of the Highway budget.

We will be resurfacing several roads in Town this year. These roads are Charles Place, Coombs Avenue, Glenwood Street, Lois Street, Marjorie Street and Rosemont Avenue. We will also be crack sealing and fog sealing East River Street. Construction projects include rebuilding several catch basins around Town as well as the replacement of the culvert at the intersection of Lake Mattawa Road and Holtshire Road. We are planning on milling and resurfacing South Main Street in 2020.

I would like to thank the hard working and dedicated Highway Staff for their work. Without them these projects and maintenance of our roads and infrastructure would not be possible. We strive to make our roads and Town safe for everyone that uses them.

Respectfully,
Colin P. Killay
Superintendent- Highway, Cemetery & Parks
Tree Warden
Town of Orange

2018 Orange Public Libraries Annual Report

2018 was a challenging financial year for the town of Orange. The requested library budget was initially cut by \$13,535 at the annual town meeting, forcing the library to apply for a State Aid waiver. The full amount was later restored at a special town meeting on December 6, 2018, and the library was able to rescind its waiver request.

Library programming continued to be well-attended throughout the year, with storytimes and lego club continuing to draw families to the children's room throughout the year, and the Tuesday Tales book club and 4th Friday film series attracting a regular audience of adult and senior patrons. In January, the children's room successfully applied for and received a \$5,000 S.T.E.A.M. grant from the Association of Library Services to Children. Programming utilizing funds from this grant began in February, and included several programming workshops for children grades 3-6. The Friends' See the World from North Orange series drew patrons to the Moore Leland branch throughout the spring in spite of unseasonably snowy weather. Christina Linde joined the Wheeler staff in March, taking on the role of adult circulation staff.

The 2018 Children's Summer Reading program was a huge success once again. A total of 118 participants from the town of Orange read 109,320 minutes, easily surpassing this year's goal of 40,000 minutes to raise \$400 for the Franklin County Community Meals Program.

The library's annual Friends book sale, normally held in the summer, was moved to September for 2018, and raised \$590 for the library. The Friends also participated in the annual Harvest Parade, and their float was voted "Best Use of Color" by the parade committee. The Fifth Annual Robert P. Collén Poetry Competition was held at Wheeler on October 30th, with a wide range of poets gathering to honor the memory of a celebrated poet and library advocate. The Friends' annual open houses welcomed in the holiday season, and the library held its first "New Year, New Library" party in December to raise awareness of the library's pending renovation and to celebrate another successful year. The library closed out 2018 by establishing the Dowd Trust, with a generous donation from Mr. Morgan Dowd, to be used to purchase books and materials for the Wheeler Library.

The Wheeler renovation plan moved from 17th to 12th place on the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant wait-list, and the Library Building Committee continued to meet monthly to seek out new fund raising opportunities, encourage community involvement, and raise community awareness of the grant process.

The library's on-line presence continued to expand, with staff actively promoting the website, Facebook page, and Virtual Branch Library resources, and assisting patrons in accessing other state resources, such as the Boston Public Library digital catalog and databases. The library also began the process of digitizing its microfilm collection with Advantage Preservation, making over a century's worth of local history available for free online to historians, students, and researchers.

The library remains, as ever, grateful for the continuing support of the Friends organization and our friends in the community at large. All of the programming and events at the library are funded by grants, community donations, and the Friends of the Orange Public Libraries.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Trustees



Jessica Magelaner
Library Director



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Planning Board Annual Report 2018

The Planning Board underwent a significant amount of transition in the Fall of 2017, with an entirely new board being appointed by 2018. Changes were for multiple reasons: The Town of Orange lost Al Noyes, who had served for many years either on the board or as an alternate and several other members stepped down due to various personal reasons-Richard Sheridan, Tom Forest, Bruce St. John and Marc Ostberg. The current Board would like to recognize them for their service to the Town of Orange over the years.

By January of 2018, the board consisted of Mercedes Clingerman, John McHale, Todd Soucy and Casey Bashaw. Adrienne Bedaw, in the Community Development Department, provided significant technical assistance to the Board in addition to her duties in Community Development and work with the Town Administrator. We were very sad to see her leave in August of 2018, but were happy to support her in moving on to opportunities that she was pursuing. She has been missed, as her constant cheerfulness and willingness to help us, while doing her own job, was a wonderful asset to the work of the Planning Board.

The year 2018 was spent working hard for the town. And, we remain a committed group that also enjoys one another! ,That is important when you are spending several hours a night, several times a month together, on sometimes difficult topics where diverse opinions are expressed.

In 2018 the following was accomplished:

- Protocols for applications were revisited and updated, streamlining communications and processes between applicant and board.
- Communication was improved between the Planning Board and other Town departments to encourage group participation in the development process in Town, and to provide a platform for departments to ensure that the impact of development does not negatively affect their departments functioning or put further strain on Town's resources.
- Construction Oversight protocols were implemented to ensure that an engineer that represents the Town's interests is available for the Planning Board and Building Department on all projects, at the applicants expense. This has been key in ensuring proper phasing of construction of large-scale development in conjunction with the Building Inspectors role in oversight.
- Planning Board Fee Structure Updates-fees were updated to current standards in line with other Towns our size in the Commonwealth. Fees for emergent industries that were not previously on the schedule were implemented (specifically Solar Permitting Fees). We will continue to work on the fee structure to accommodate new trends in industry and development.

- Education of Board Members- A session with Planning Board members and Town Department heads and Town Counsel occurred. The purpose of the session was to help educate the Board as to what is legally within our rights as a Town to ask of large scale development, to ensure that impacts of development are mitigated and the Town is not negatively impacted, paying for infrastructure and demands on services, that is not reasonably our responsibility. Members have also attended the Annual Citizen Planners Training Collaborative Conference to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of the Planning Board and other important aspects of the role of the Planning Board. Education will be encouraged as an ongoing endeavor of the board in the future.
- Solar bylaws were put into development- We introduced a solar moratorium, but on town floor at the meeting, it was asked that the Town pass over the bylaw to avoid blocking development that would bring in revenue and allow for re-drafting of bylaws for presentation at a future Town Meeting. In Fall of 2018 a solar subcommittee formed by the Planning Board to assist the Board in the work began to meet. The Solar Zoning Bylaw that will be formed and being put forth by the Planning Board will be presented at the June Annual Meeting in 2019.
- Marijuana Bylaws were brought before the Town- Jan 2018, 2 zoning proposals were put before the town. One, to consider either a MJ moratorium to allow for time to develop appropriate zoning guidance for cannabis businesses, that meet the needs for development in Orange. The second, a proposal for an overlay district which would have developed a designated area for large scale Industrial, Commercial cultivation, processing testing product manufacturing and retail sale of recreational and medical marijuana products in the Industrial Parks in Orange. Neither were adopted by the Town's people at the meeting.
- Marijuana Retail Pharmacy General Bylaw Change-A bylaw to limit Marijuana Retail Pharmacies was accepted by the Town.
- Permitting Before the Board- 5 ANR (Approval Not Required) Applications, 10 Special Permit/Site Plan Applications and 2 Modifications to Special Permit/Site Plan Applications were processed by the Board in 2018.

These are just some of the highlights of 2018.

Goals for 2019

- Continued Revision of the Planning Board Fee Schedule-Site plan fees and specialized industry fees are still being reviewed and updated. This should be finalized in early 2019. Our goal is to then have annual review of fee schedules and protocols to ensure we remain current, and that our processes are suited to the needs of the Town and to developers we wish to attract to Orange.
- Investigation into Permitting Software- Such programs ensure maximal capture of revenue for the Town, increased communication between departments in the permitting process, reduction in paperwork redundancy and elimination of errors in recording, filing and communication between departments. Town employees and department heads potentially would have more time to devote to tasks the citizens request/require, which in turn makes a more efficient experience for the applicant/developer and the Town. At this point, it is being explored as to what programs are out there and what are the needs of our Planning Board and the other Departments.
- Continued work with the Town Administrator on development of a Planning Department- In order for the Town of Orange to achieve all that its citizens are requesting, and to allow the Town to maximally work on Community Development, Future Visioning and Municipal planning to achieve Orange's economic viability and success, the roles and responsibilities of a Community Development/Planner/Planning Board are being explored. The interplay of OEDIC

is also being explored as all facets of Planning are interrelated if we are to achieve economic revitalization in the Town.

We are proud to serve you and thankful for your support and we do!! Stay tuned for good things to come!!

Respectfully submitted,
Mercedes Clingerman, Chair
On behalf of the Board
Casey Bashaw
John McHale
Todd Soucy



Town of Orange Department of Police

CRAIG A. LUNDGREN
CHIEF



ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2018

On behalf of the Orange Police Department, I respectfully submit our annual report for 2018. Over the course of the year our department was able to make significant improvements in personnel, equipment, training and station repairs. We were able to replace a fully marked cruiser through a grant and updated our station sign through the generosity of the Orange American legion. We completed upgrades to our booking room, making it a much safer environment for our officers, and are now in the process of improving our training room.

Castle Rock wrapped up filming and all department personnel were invited to a screening of the first episode at Monty Tech in Westminster. It was quite the experience seeing our lovely town on the big screen. Through two years of filming, road closures and traffic delays, I saw our small community come together and tough it out. If castle Rock chooses to return to Orange, we will once again commit ourselves to providing the necessary resources needed to limit the inconvenience to our citizens.

I was very proud to recommend Officer Cole be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. His experience, leadership, and work ethic have proven invaluable to the department. We also welcomed two new Reserve Officers to our department as well as a new full time officer who successfully completed his training at the Western Mass Police Academy. We now have an officer assigned to the Northwestern District Attorneys Anti Crime Task Force. The impact of having an officer involved with this dedicated unit has been dramatic. Illegal narcotics arrests and seizures have increased significantly.

All officers have once again completed forty hours of additional training at the Boylston Police Academy as well as annual certification in Firearms, CPR, First Responder, Defensive Tactics, and the use of Narcan. For the second year we were able to have a mobile firearms simulator come to the station for advanced firearms training for all officers. We have found this additional training to be extremely beneficial.

Our 2018 statistics do show a general increase in calls for service, accidents, and arrests. For instance, calls for service have increased by 800 over the previous year. Accidents have increased from 107 to 136, and arrests from 323 to 457. The large increase in arrests however, do not necessarily correspond to an increase in crime overall. General Crime Statistics seem to be in line with last year and do not show a significant increase.

As another year closes out, I would like to once again thank the hard working men and woman of the Orange Police Department for their dedicated and honorable service to our Town. I would also like to

thank our Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Capital Improvement Committee, and our Town Administrator for their continued support.

Respectfully,
Chief Craig Lundgren

2018

• Total Calls for service	7600
• Accidents	136
• Arrests	457
• Sexual Assaults	11
• Medical Emergencies	641
• Alarm Response	218
• Citations Issued	263
• Assaults	73
• Identity Theft/Fraud	20
• 911 calls	223
• Larceny	105
• Breaking & Entering	18
• Other Offenses	190

Revenue collected

• Insurance	\$595.00
• Gun Licenses	\$4262.50
• Parking	\$830.00
• Citation	\$11940.00

Command Post Deployment

• May 18 th	Military History Expo
• June 19th	Summer Fest Athol
• June 30th	Wal-Mart Public Safety Day
• Sept 7	World War One Event
• Oct 30th	Fire Dept Open House
• Dec 11th	Franklin County SRT Team drill

K-9 Activity Report

K9 Orka provided assistance to the following towns over the past year; Athol, Erving, Warwick and New Salem. The following is one example of the many deployments she was involved in.

K9 Orka assisted in multiple drug searches where illegal narcotics were located. During K9 Orka's drug detection work she comes in close proximity to dangerous illegal drugs while using her nose to find them. This year K9 Orka helped to take Heroin, Crack/Cocaine, Cocaine and Fentanyl off of the streets. K9 Orka was credited with three arrests this year. As a direct result of her actions the suspects were taken into custody.

K9 Orka also participated in ten different public demonstrations throughout the year. During these police K9 demonstrations the public was educated on the many different skills police K9's are trained to do.

Drug Detection

Building searches – 3

Vehicle searches – 15

In town responses – 11

Out of town responses – 8

Patrol Functions

Tracking - 10

Building searches – 3

Article searches – 4

Arrests - 3

In town responses – 11

Out of town responses – 4

Total Deployments for 2017 – (34)

**Sanitation Department
2018 Calendar Year Report**

The Town of Orange Recycling Center/Transfer Station

We applied for the SMRP under the Recycling Dividends Program, and received \$5,600.00.

The Recycling Dividends Program provides payments to municipalities that have implemented specific programs and policies proven to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Municipalities will receive payments according to the number of criteria points earned in this program.

Materials brought into the facility

Municipal Solid Waste	516 tons
Demolition Materials	154 tons
Single Stream Recycling	283 tons
Scrap Metal, Appliances	24 tons
Clothing	9.5 tons
Batteries	1 ton
Leaves, Brush	75 tons
Electronics (TV's, Monitors, etc.)	9 tons
Compostable Food Waste	6 tons
Tires	176 tires
Light Ballast	25
Fluorescent Bulbs	474
Trash bags sold	46,677

Please visit the town web site at **www.townoforange.org** then click on Recycling/Transfer Station for information about the facility, including

“What Do I Do With...?”

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith Jr.
Superintendent Sanitation Department

TREASURER'S 2018 CASH REPORT

Cash Balance 6/30/18

Bank Balances:

General Fund:	Petty Cash	\$170.00	
	Unibank School Vendor	-\$214,469.80	
	Unibank Payables	-\$92,919.71	
	Small Cities	\$70.83	
	TD Ambulance	\$620,669.55	
	Hometown Depository	\$1,746,791.63	
	Unibank State	\$2,644,562.69	
	Unibank Town Clerk	\$4,263.65	
	Unibank Collector	\$44,829.58	
	Unibank BOH online	\$895.93	
	Unibank Deputy online	\$23,601.48	
	Unibank Planning	\$10.01	
	Hometown Payroll	-\$34,552.92	
	Hometown Café	\$24,617.96	\$4,768,540.88
Enterprise	Hometown Water	\$393,646.26	
	Hometown Sewer	\$123,790.47	\$517,436.73
Trust Funds.	Bart Trusts	\$1,293,083.72	
	Greenfield stab. CD	\$35,412.01	\$1,328,495.73
Ending Cash Balance:			\$6,614,473.34

TRUSTEES OF THE SOLDIER'S MEMORIALS ANNUAL REPORT – 2018

The Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials is an elected committee that is responsible for the upkeep of the various memorials in Orange dedicated to military veterans. Their financial activity is governed by donations from varied sources. Grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for different programs have also been utilized. Again, these grants have been the 50% matching type, where again, the Memorials Committee's portion has been funded by various donations.

2018 has seen the Memorials Committee complete two major projects that have been funded by the matching grant method of finance. The World War I Memorial Square sign project was completed in 2018. The eleven World War I Memorial Square signs in Orange were removed, reworked by Athol Granite Works and reinstalled. Two of these signs had to be completely built from scratch, as they had been missing. The Memorial Park Update project was also funded by the grant matching method of funding. The cannon located in the Park was reworked, as well as the memorial stone and plaque located there. The Honor Roll Wall located in the Park had an expansion project started. The current Wall only includes the names of individuals who enlisted in the military from Orange up to the Vietnam War. There have been other military actions that need to be included in an updated version of this Honor Roll Wall. This is a labor intensive project that will undoubtedly be on-going for some time. There has been a separate account set-up for this project to insure accountability for the useable finance. The Committee is also responsible for the Peace State located in Memorial Park. The annual cleaning and inspection of this memorial is completed by the Memorial Day program each year. The replacement of flags that need to be properly retired is also the program of the Memorials Committee.

The Memorials Committee has three separate finance accounts that are monitored by the Town Accountant. The account balances as of 31 December 2018 are as follows:

Memorials Committee Gift Account: \$8345.60

Memorials Committee Honor Roll Wall Account: \$6164.00

Memorials Committee Peace Statue Account (Restricted): \$3490.93

The Memorials Committee is currently working again with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to participate in yet another 50% matching grant project that will hopefully become a reality in 2019. The Orange Cemetery Veteran's Memorials Restoration Project has been initiated and hopefully will be approved during the first part of 2019.

The Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials Committee meets once a month, on the fourth Thursday, at 5:00PM at the Town Hall Meeting Room. We are dedicated to maintaining the memories and history of the many men and women who have participated in the many military actions from Orange. Again, our funding is by donations only. Individuals who wish to participate may send their donations to 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364.

Respectfully Submitted:

Orange Trustees Of The Soldier's Memorials

James E. Cornwell

Bruce St. John

Scott Hubbard

Michelle Simmington LeBlanc

Chris Marshall



TOWN OF ORANGE

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

To the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and Residents of Orange

2018 has been a sad year for us at the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Randy Boyer who worked at the Town of Orange Wastewater Treatment Facility for more than 36 years passed away in August. Randy was an integral part of the team here at the Wastewater Facility keeping the facility running at top efficiency to protect the Millers River and he will be dearly missed.

The facility has been in operation for 41 years and thanks to the efforts of our dedicated staff the facility continues to run very well. Whole Effluent Toxicity testing, Sludge TCLP Analysis and other regulatory testing results are excellent. We are currently working on the Plans and Specifications for an upgrade and also looking into funding sources for the upgrade of the facility including USDA Grant/Loan program, SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan program.

I would like to encourage sewer users to help in reducing clean water flows, into the sewer system, by redirecting sump pumps, roof leaders, floor drains, yard drains etc. out of the sewer system. This extra water contributes to an increase in operating & maintenance (O&M) costs of the treatment facility and sewer collection system. I would also request residents to refrain from flushing "wipes" into the collection system. The "wipes" cause clogging problems in the sewer collection system and also clogs pumps within the wastewater treatment process which also contribute to higher O&M cost.

We encourage residents to make an appointment for a guided tour of the Wastewater Treatment Facility and become familiar with our operation that helps to protect the Millers River for future generations.

Annual Data:

Total Rainfall – 68.88 inches (Average 49.5 inches)

Total Wastewater Flow 2018 – 503.64 Million Gallons (Average 380 Million Gallons)

Total Sludge Disposed – 49.10 Tons of Dry Solids

Average BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) Removal – 91%

Average TSS (Total Suspended Solids) Removal – 92%

Total Sodium Hypochlorite (Effluent Disinfection) – 1,650 Gallons

Total Cationic Polymer (Sludge Thickening) – 400 Pounds

Total Sodium Aluminate (Phosphorus Removal) – 1,700 Gallons

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Billiel Jr.

Chief Operator

ORANGE WATER DEPARTMENT – ANNUAL REPORT 2018

On behalf of the Orange Water Department, it is my pleasure to submit this Annual Report for CY2018. The Department has been in operation for 126 years and continues to provide safe, clean drinking water to many residences, businesses and institutions.

Drinking water is provided by 3 large wells located off of West River St. and Daniel Shays Hwy. (Route 202). From there, the water travels through two large storage tanks, 36± miles of distribution main and thousands of valves, meters and hydrants. Maintaining this system in working order and in compliance with applicable regulations is no small task. Our team of licensed operators, dedicated water commissioners, and patient billing clerk will continue to be as efficient as possible. We are very grateful to the public water users in Orange. Nearly all are extremely pleasant and easy to work with. In return, we do our best to be responsive to user needs and emergencies. Please call or stop in anytime with water questions/concerns.

2018 was a year that we had to optimize our efforts and work on priorities as they presented themselves as we continued to operate with minimal staff, making things very challenging during an employee absence for vacation, training, or sick time. We apologize for any delayed response that you may have received from us due to this situation. As of the start of December, we have returned to our normal staffing level. Although slightly later than anticipated, our storage tank exteriors will be cleaned, recoated, and have the required fall safety apparatus installed in 2019. Work on the new wells at the Holtshire Road site continued, and we are now waiting for a response from MassDEP of their review of our submitted data before we can proceed any further. We are still confident that these wells will pave the way toward better system reliability in the near future. We provided oversight and frequent, sometimes urgent, assistance for water-related items on construction projects including in this last year the additions to two local businesses as they grow in our community. The department is solely funded by our customers, and we will continue to optimize and improve our physical, financial and technical operations as efficiently as possible. We would be happy to discuss our operations with you at any time, including these projects and many that are not listed.

2018 Statistics (all numbers are approximate):

Total gallons of water pumped	138,996,700
Customer accounts served	1,856
Meter readings collected/processed	6,869
New water meters installed/retrofitted	28
Services/hydrants installed or renewed	4
Services/hydrants turned on & off by request	86
Frozen meters, valves or service lines	18
Leaks repaired in main or service lines	5
Backflow tests completed	192
Hydrant/main flushing events	334
Utility (excavation) mark-outs	56

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth R. Wysk
Water Superintendent

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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Richard J. Martin
Superintendent



2018 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2018 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enrollment for member towns as of October 1, 2018 was 461 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	29	Erving	30	Montague	85	Sunderland	6
Buckland	8	Gill	11	New Salem	7	Warwick	7
Colrain	23	Greenfield	96	Northfield	28	Wendell	12
Conway	6	Heath	9	Orange	68	Whately	9
Deerfield	15	Leyden	5	Shelburne	7		

Franklin County Technical School awarded 112 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2018. Massachusetts students are required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma and once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The state has adjusted their measures for evaluating district/school accountability. FCTS was placed in the Not Requiring Support category, which would be equivalent to being classified as a Level 2 school in past accountability ratings. Additionally, the district is meeting targets set by the Department of Education for passing rates of students of high risk with disabilities.

On June 23, 2015 Franklin County Technical School District was fortunate to have received approval from all nineteen member towns to participate in a bond authorization which allowed FCTS to fund the MSBA 73.89% reimbursed Window and Door Replacement Project, as well as afford FCTS the opportunity to repair its twenty year-old roof and ensure paving upgrades of its forty year old driveway, track, parking lot and associated areas, which were original to the school in 1976. Payment for the 15 year bond is in its second year, which will impact member towns in FY20. FCTS has the advantage of utilizing vocational students and licensed instructors from carpentry, electrical, plumbing and landscaping to provide maintenance and repairs to our school grounds and facility saving member towns tens of thousands of dollars annually. These shop programs also saved member towns an estimated \$100,000 on the projects. Additionally, Automotive and Collision Repair shop programs maintain our school vehicle fleet, which reduces costly vehicle maintenance. Many of our school vehicles are used for our various constructions jobs within Franklin County and also provide for athletic transportation, which significantly reduces our overall transportation costs.

Franklin County Technical School students are learning the value of paid work opportunities through a newly revamped Cooperative Education Program (Coop). There are more than 56% of our seniors involved in paid Coop jobs and internships related to their vocational field of study.

On December 12, 2018, Franklin County Technical School's Advanced Placement (AP) test scores, were recognized by National Advanced Placement Center as one of the Commonwealth's top 18 school districts. The AP District Honor Roll recognizes school districts who have demonstrated significant increases with their AP scores for all areas. Franklin County Technical School's AP students were honored for the percentage of students which scored 3 or higher on their AP exams. FCTS was also recognized for their diverse student population and overall

participation of students taking the AP exams. Franklin County Tech offers AP courses in Computer Science, Statistics, and English Language and Composition.

Franklin County Technical School has been busy with community-based projects that act as learning opportunities for our students. Every year the shop programs, with instructors and students, embrace the authentic work that is done in our communities. The instructional nature of our work may cause the duration of a project to increase, but costs associated with a project are significantly decreased for our member communities. Following is a list of just some of

the many projects completed by FCTS students and instructors within Franklin County over this past year: In Bernardston, the Carpentry program has begun working with the town to build a new transfer station building. In Buckland, Landscaping students have installed a playground and rehabilitated a ballfield for the recreation department. Electrical students completed an annual clean up and placement of flags at Colrain's Farley Cemetery. In Gill, Landscaping students worked the Source to Sea Watershed cleanup; and built raised garden beds and an outdoor classroom at the Gill Elementary School. The Culinary Arts program once again assisted the Sheriff's Department at the "Senior Safety Expo" at Schuetzen Verein by preparing and serving food to participants. Landscaping students conducted a fall cleanup and pruning at the North Cemetery in Leyden, as well as refurbishing a wishing well at the cemetery, with our CAD/CAM students creating a plaque for the well.

In Greenfield, students in the Pre-Employment Program visit clients at the Greenfield Adult Day services each month to make crafts and play games with the clients. The Cosmetology program visits GVNA HealthCare, Charlene Manor and Poet Seat Health Care to provide hand massage and nail painting for the clients, and Health Tech students offer chair yoga, relaxation, nail care and aroma touch hand therapy to adult health care clients, as well. Health Tech students also work with the faculty at the Parent Child Development Center (PCDC) to create and teach health and safety topics to preschoolers and parents in Greenfield and Turners Falls; and also volunteer at the annual YMCA Girls Day Out event. Plumbing and Electrical students have completed work on the Habitat for Humanity house on Smith Street. Electrical students continue to volunteer at the Relay for Life with wiring and setup help. Carpentry and Landscaping were involved in work on a new cabin for Camp Keewanee. They also built and installed six ADA accessible picnic tables for the Poet Seat Health Care Center. Future Farmers of America (Landscaping students) donated generously to this year's annual food drive that is conducted school wide, with the food being donated to the Family Inn in Greenfield.

Within the Millers Falls/Turners Falls/Montague area, Electrical has installed a new paddle fan and security lighting at the Turners Falls airport and updated the pilots lounge. The Landscaping program is contracted to grow naturalizing plants and bushes for the airport, and have installed temporary irrigation. The Electrical program students are involved in the electrical wiring of the new Ja'Duke Performing Arts Center.

In Orange, Landscaping worked on a Memorial garden in town. Carpentry students worked on the Athol/Orange Regional Animal Shelter and worked with our Electrical students at the Orange Municipal Airport. In Shelburne, Landscaping did a fall cleanup of the Hill Cemetery; and Collision and Repair provided major renovations to the Bridge of Flowers donation box. Landscaping rehabilitated Cricket Field and installed sod at the ballfield.

Our partnerships with our communities are important for our programs, and we thank those who allow our students the opportunity to practice their trades out in the field.

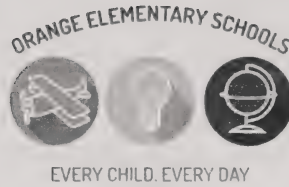
Respectfully,

Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz
School Committee Chairman

Mr. Richard J. Martin
Superintendent-Director

Franklin County Technical School District Committee 2018

Bernardston-Bradley Stafford; Buckland-Laura J. Earl; Colrain-Nicole Slowinski;
Conway-Brian Kuzmeskus; Deerfield-David Thiel; Erving-Robert F. Bitzer; Gill-Sandy Brown;
Greenfield-Paul R. Doran, Christopher L. Joseph, Mark M. Maloney, Donna M. Woodcock;
Heath-Arthur A. Schwenger; Leyden-Gerald N. Levine; Montague-Richard J. Kuklewicz, Chairperson;
Dennis L. Grader; New Salem-Bryan Camden; Northfield-Scott Milton; Orange-Clifford J. Fournier,
Secretary; Linda R. Chapman; Shelburne-Angus Dun, Vice-Chairperson; Sunderland-James Bernotas;
Warwick-A. George Day, Jr.; Wendell-Jeffrey D. Budine; Whately-Donald C. Sluter



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ORANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Stephanie Conrod, Chair	2021
Sarah McMaster	Vacated seat in 2017
Robert Haigh	Vacated seat in 2018
Dianne Salcedo	2020
Amy White	2019
Jessica Knox	2019
Alexandre Schwanz	2020

Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools
Daniel B. Haynes, Director of Finance and Operations

Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Office Telephone: 978-544-6763

District Web site: <http://www.orange-clem.org>



To the members of the Orange Elementary School District Committee and the voters of the Orange Elementary School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Orange Elementary School Committee covers the

period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year.

The Orange Elementary Schools hold high expectations for the success and achievement of all our 592 children. Pre-School Grade 2 at Fisher Hill School and grades 3,4,5 & 6 at Dexter Park. We are an enthusiastic school community, dedicated to providing a quality instructional program for our students.

The Orange Elementary staff works diligently to foster a positive school climate with a growth mindset that ensures a child's opportunity to gain knowledge, develop self-esteem, and be motivated to attend and achieve. We strive to foster individual initiative and build a network of open communication and teamwork between students, parents and staff.

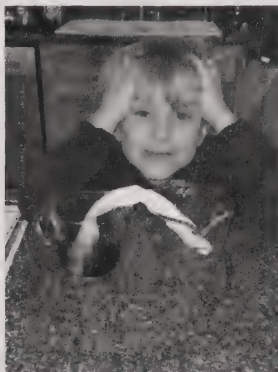
A skilled and educated faculty and staff, combine time-tested methods and materials with the latest practices and programs, to capitalize on the strengths and address the needs of all students.

Classroom teachers are supported by a comprehensive staff of specialists who provide a variety of services designed to give each child a complete education. As students work to expand their cognitive and affective domains, our counselors and nurses help to facilitate the growth process by attending to the social, emotional, and health needs of children and their families. Our team of custodians are responsible for maintaining a clean, safe, and physically-functional environment, while the cafeteria staff operates an excellent food-service program for children and adults.

Essential to a full-fledged team effort are our volunteers, including the School Council and PTO, who give of themselves daily so that students and teachers have that extra edge that only comes from involved parents and interested community members.

Finally, the principals and secretaries work directly with the Superintendent's Office and Special Services facilitating quality education for all children attending each of our elementary schools.

Students are here to learn and teachers are here to teach. Our staff takes their teaching responsibility very seriously and we expect our students to work hard to do what they come here every day to do, to learn. That is the culture we work very hard to establish in the Orange Elementary Schools. That is the school culture we want for your children.



THREE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2015-2020

Building upon the supports, processes and structures that have been developed this year, the district has set three Strategic Objectives for the School Years 2015-2020. We believe that if we work as a cohesive system focused on:

- improving the instructional core and student supports, as well as developing resilience and perseverance, as the key variables in growing student achievement

- creating continuously advancing, innovative, well-structured and engaging practices through a collaborative culture and continuous data analysis; and
- involving the community in connecting real world experiences, then

Every student will graduate from high school with the skills, proficiencies and opportunities to succeed as a citizen in a global society.

We believe the Strategic Objectives complement and reinforce one another to provide a powerful plan for improvement. Our goals are:

**Aligned, Consistently Delivered and Continuously Improving Curriculum
Effective Instruction & Instructional Leadership
School Supports and Interventions**

with an emphasis on literacy: reading, writing, listening, viewing, & presenting
through embedded assessment, 21st Century skills integration & matched professional development

Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty/staff members in 2018:

Charlene Cross	Noon Aide	Dexter Park
Judith Duarte	Noon Aide	Dexter Park
Danielle Hardy	Noon Aide	Fisher Hill
Tarrah Hart	Title One Paraprofessional	Fisher Hill
Samantha Haskins	Special Education	Dexter Park
Lauren Iola	Grade 4	Dexter Park
Corey Knapp	Custodian	Dexter Park
Craig Newton	Technology Teacher	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park
Alicia Poirier	Paraprofessional	Fisher Hill



Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faulty/staff members retired at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year:

Kari Boothroyd	Paraprofessional	Fisher Hill	18 years
Linda Goynor	Head Cook	Dexter Park	27 years
Barbara Russell	Paraprofessional	Fisher Hill	31 years
Joanne Woodcock	Home to School Liaison	Fisher Hill & Dexter Park	18 years

All combined, these employees have served our district for 94 years. Wow!

We offer our thanks and appreciation to our retirees whose work has impacted countless children and has had a profound impact on the Orange Elementary Schools!

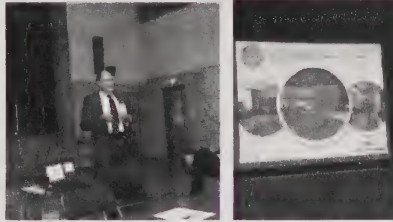


Robert Haigh

Mr. Robert Haigh resigned in late 2018 as a member of the Orange Elementary School Committee after four years of service. But Mr. Haigh's dedication goes so much deeper than serving on this community's leadership and governance team. All told, Mr. Haigh has dedicated 47 years to the Orange Elementary Schools!

Robbie first served the district beginning in 1971 as a special education teacher at the Butterfield School. In 1993 he served as interim principal of the Butterfield School and was named permanently to the position the following year. Mr. Haigh also served as the district technology coordinator, has been a technology professional development provider and is well known as a three-season athletic official throughout the region. Due to fiscal challenges, Mr. Haigh actually elected to officially retire from the district yet continue to serve in the role of principal for a fraction of his previous salary. Mr. Haigh has always been a champion of the schools and devoutly keeps students at the center of any and all of his decision-making. His wisdom and perspective will be missed.

Nancy Haigh retired from the Orange Elementary School District in 2013 after 24 years of service. Nancy started out long term substituting in 1986 and became a full time Title I teacher and/or Reading Coach in 1989. Nancy will always be remembered for opening the door to the wonderful world of reading for countless students.



MSBA and the Dexter Park School

In January, the community of Orange approved \$875,000 in funding for a feasibility study on the Dexter Park School. Led by Chair Bruce Scherer, the School Building Committee over the year designated a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO) for the district, formed an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Selection Committee, prepared a Request for Services (RFS), advertised in the central register, interviewed applicants and conducted reference checks and landed on Hill International, Inc as the Owner's Project Manager. Hill's Paul Kalous, along with Martin Goulet and Rommel Cordova-Fiori, will be shepherding the School Building Committee through feasibility and then on to schematic design.

Enrollment for 2017-2018:

	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Fisher Hill	73	72	81	71					297
Dexter Park					90	89	73	80	332
									629



Orange Elementary At-A-Glance for 2017-2018:

Enrollment	629
Average Class Size	17
Student Attendance Rate	94%
Number of Teachers	47
Student to Teacher Ratio	13:1
Students with Disabilities	25%
Economically Disadvantaged	54%
High Needs	63%
English Language Learners	1.6
School Choice In	49
School Choice Out	63
Students Per Computer	2.0
Classrooms on the Internet (%)	100%

STUDENT ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE ~ FALL 2018

2018 Official Accountability Report - Orange

Organization Information	
DISTRICT NAME	TITLE I STATUS
Orange (02230000)	Title I District
REGION	GRADES SERVED
West/Central	PK,K,01,02,03,04,05,06

Accountability Information

Overall classification	Requiring assistance or intervention
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Reason for classification
In need of focused/targeted support
Low participation rate: Students w/disabilities -Hispanic/Latino

Progress toward improvement targets	Accountability percentile
84% - Meeting targets	-

This district's determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention
Needs intervention (NI)

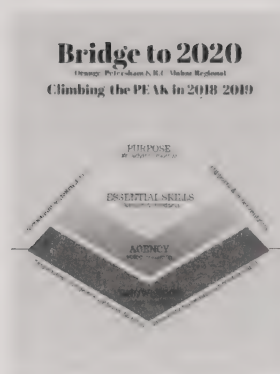
DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENT DATA	SCHOOL DATA BY EACH INDICATOR	SCHOOLS IN THIS DISTRICT
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Overall results

Progress toward improvement targets						
Indicator						
Achievement	English language arts achievement	4	4	4	4	
	Mathematics achievement	2	4	4	4	
	Science achievement	4	4			
	Achievement total	10	12	67.5	8	67.5
Growth	English language arts growth	2	4	2	4	
	Mathematics growth	2	4	2	4	
	Growth total	4	8	22.5	8	22.5
High school completion	Four year cohort graduation rate					
	Extended engagement rate					
	Annual dropout rate					
	High school completion total	-	-	-	-	-
Progress toward attaining English language proficiency	English language proficiency total	-	-	-	-	-
	Chronic absenteeism	4	4	4	4	
Additional indicators	Advanced coursework completion					
	Additional indicators total	4	4	10.0	4	10.0
Weighted total		18	20	90	16	90
Percentage of possible points						
Criterion-referenced target percentage				84%		
				Meeting targets		

In Conclusion

Our achievement rates are slowly but surely rising despite the annual changes occurring in the state’s assessment system. Some of the ways in which we are working to narrow our schools’ achievement gap and increase students’ academic proficiency has been the implementation of our co-taught instructional model, professional development on meeting the needs of diverse learners, explicit instruction in social-emotional learning and an increase in our wraparound services and safety nets. But the state’s assessment system isn’t the story of who we are. We are a district that strives to make a difference by utilizing our PEAK strategies prioritizing Purpose, Essential Skills, Student Agency and Knowledge for our students.



We encourage you to become involved in helping us improve our schools. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For specific information explaining our action plan, please go to our website at <http://www.orange-elem.org>. The Strategic Plan for the Consolidated Districts of Orange Elementary, Petersham Center School and the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School is posted in an effort to provide the community with transparency regarding the district's actions to improve teaching and learning.

It is a privilege to provide the citizens of Orange with an update on the progress of the elementary schools. The district is making significant shifts in curriculum & instruction as well as supports and interventions in an inclusionary setting in order to meet their motto of "Every Child, Every Day".

Tari Nugent Thomas
 Superintendent of Schools
 January 2019



**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
RALPH C. MAHAR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Committee Member	Town	Term Expires
Peter Cross, Chair	Orange	2019
Patricia Smith, Vice-Chair	Orange	2021
Carla Halpern	New Salem	Appointed
Lynn Peredina	Petersham	Appointed
Heidi Shortis	Petersham	2021
Johanna Bartlett	Wendell	Appointed
Christopher Paul	Orange	2019
Rebecca Badgley	Orange	2020
Amy White	Orange	Appointed
Sunday Lefebvre	Orange	2020
Chante Jillson	Orange	2021



STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Jeanne Grutchfield

Tari N. Thomas, Superintendent
Gabriele Voelker, District Treasurer
Daniel Haynes, Director of Finance

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Office Telephone: 978-544 2920
District Web site: <http://www.remahar.org>

To the members of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee and the voters of the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District, I submit my Annual Report as Superintendent. The report to the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School Committee covers the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. As such, all reports cover the final half of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year and the first half of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year.

Vision Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, in collaboration with families, envisions a quality learning environment which values academic excellence that enables students to reach their full potential in a rapidly changing global society.

Mission Statement

The Ralph C. Mahar Regional School community will ensure teaching and learning take place in a safe, collaborative, and inclusive environment. We commit to working with families and community members to support the personal, academic, and career growth of every student. We believe that a challenging curriculum for all students, and a culture that actively welcomes all learners, will contribute to a more knowledgeable community and society. We believe that all students must be prepared with 21st-century skills and an understanding of the demands and challenges of an ever-changing world.

Core Values

Student Achievement:

- We believe all students learn best when actively engaged in the learning process.
- We believe education is about student growth that includes core academics, the arts, cultural awareness, and physical, social and emotional well-being.
- We believe the purpose of education is to enable students to become self-reliant learners and productive, responsible citizens.

Personal Growth:

- We believe in promoting personal responsibility in students so they may reach their full potential.

School Climate:

- We believe all decisions should be made in the best interest of students, while recognizing and welcoming their individual differences.
- We believe in a safe environment built on communication and a shared decision making process that supports curiosity, creativity, respect, and positive attitudes.

Collaborative Partnerships:

- We believe in identifying and developing diverse opportunities for students to engage in active learning within their communities.
- We believe the education of a child is the shared responsibility of town, educational, family, and student communities.

Resources:

- We believe in school personnel working with family and town communities to provide ongoing information regarding student achievement, school-related activities, and annual budget and expenditures.
- We believe in utilizing fiscally responsible strategies which support teaching and learning to meet the unique needs of students.

MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence for 2017-2018

Hannah Birch was awarded the MASS Superintendent's Certificate of Academic Excellence. The Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents annually designates this award for academic excellence. The award goes to a student who has shown distinction in the pursuit of excellence during their high school career.

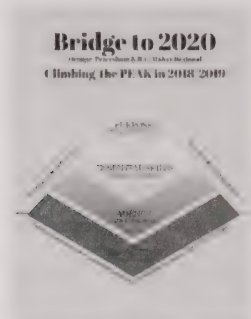


The Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award 2018

In the spring of 2018, Kelly Ziomek, was honored this year for her tremendous commitment and impact on students at Ralph C. Mahar Regional. This annual program recognizes outstanding professionals in the field of education. Ms. Ziomek's work with students, as a health educator has been remarkable. Students and staff alike cite her dedication, caring and impact as unique and special.



THREE STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2015-2020



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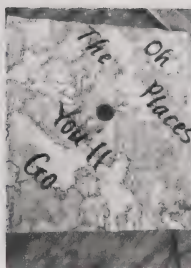
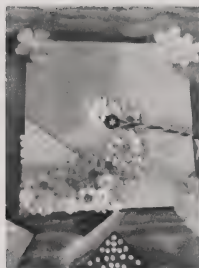
New Personnel

The district welcomed the expertise of the following new faculty/staff members during the 2017-2018 school year:

Taryn Dery
Doug Jillson
Meghan Mac Donnell
Thomas Quinn
Pamela Rogers
Brittany Spencer

Supervisor of Special Services
Head Cook/Manager in Food Services
Data Specialist/Registrar
Guidance Counselor
Guidance Secretary
Middle School Science





The Class of 2018

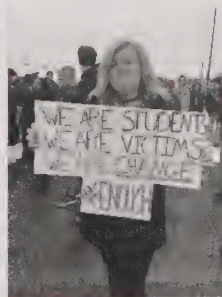
Class President	Katelyn Page
Vice President	Mayte Torres-Zelaya
Secretary	Hannah Birch
Treasurer	Emily Inman

Faculty and Staff Retirements

The following faculty/staff members retired at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year we had only one retirement:

Kathy Goodrum Title I/Literacy 31 years of service

We offer our thanks and appreciation to Kathy whose work has impacted countless students at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School!





OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The Gateway to College

This partnership with Mount Wachusett Community College and the Gateway to College (based in Portland, OR) continues to be a road to academic success for students from the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District and schools in many other central and western Massachusetts towns. Students in this program attend classes at Mount Wachusett and begin earning college credits early. Students who graduate from the Gateway to College earn the Ralph C. Mahar Regional high school diploma. This partnership will be shifting to the Gardner Public Schools in 2019-2020 through program redesign.

Pathways Early College Innovation School

Now in its seventh year of operation, this program offers students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and Associates Degree from Mount Wachusett Community College at the same time. By becoming full-time, dual enrollment students at the beginning of the junior year, students in this program have the opportunity to attend all college classes at Mount Wachusett Community College free of charge. Due to the success of this model, colleges and universities across the Commonwealth are looking to create similar programming with their own neighboring districts.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

AM Integrated Learning Center

This is an alternative high school program that is referred to as “A School Within a School.” Students in this program have the benefit of a school social worker, special education teacher, and full-time paraprofessional support. The focus of this program is on students’ emotional and behavioral health, which has impacted their ability to learn in the mainstreamed environment. A level-system that focuses on rewards and positive behavioral intervention has proven successful for many students who might be educated at the expense of the district in placements other than Ralph C. Mahar.

PM Integrated Learning Center

This program focuses on the non-traditional learner. Students in the PM Integrated Learning Center are involved in career and/or internship placement for 20 hours per week. These students attend school from 3:00 – 5:00 PM each day during the school year and take one class each summer. There are few programs which offer students the opportunity to earn their high school diploma outside of the regular school schedule in Massachusetts.

Middle School Integrated Learning Center

This is a self-contained middle school classroom for students who are also challenged with behavioral and emotional issues. This program feeds into the high school AM Integrated Learning Center. A significant difference is the middle school utilizes a more tangible system for reinforcement for positive behavioral interactions. These students are offered the services of a school psychologist, full-time teacher, and two paraprofessionals.

Three CAPS Collaborative Programs

Senators, Junior Senators & Senators Vocational

The Senators Programs are for students with moderate to severe or multiple disabilities who present with delays in cognitive development as well as health, communication, social, and sensory impairments. Students are provided individualized educational programming, based on the MA Curriculum Frameworks and the students’ IEPs delivered in both small group and one-on-one formats. Goals of the program are to develop functional academic and living skills, as well as vocational, community and leisure skills. The program is supported by nursing and an integrated therapy model.

The Class of 2018 John & Abigail Adams Scholarship Winners



ENROLLMENT for 2017- 2018

Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
126	119	115	83	101	97	641

KEY METRICS for 2017-2018

Enrollment at RC Mahar	641
Enrollment at Gateway	83
Enrollment at Pathways	36
Average Attendance Rate	95.5%
Average Class Size	13
Number of Teachers	59
Students with Disabilities	18.6%
High Needs	46.7%
English Language Learners	.8%
2016 Graduation Rate	83%

In Conclusion

To improve student achievement at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School, we are implementing the Strategic Plan for the Consolidated Districts for 2015-2020. For more specifics, please visit our website.

We encourage parents/guardians to become involved in helping us improve our school. Some of the ways you can become involved are:

- Encouraging your child's learning at home
- Attending parent-teacher meetings and other special meetings
- Serving as a volunteer in our school or district
- Encouraging other parents to become involved

For more information about our school and to view the actual report card, please visit the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education at:

<http://reportcards.doe.mass.edu/2018-DistrictReportcard/07550000?Length=8>

or to request information about the qualifications of your child’s classroom teachers, please feel free to contact the school at 978-544-2920.

It is with great pride and pleasure that I present the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School District’s end of year report. This school is poised to make a remarkable difference in teaching and learning that is personalized as well as civic minded.

Tari Nugent Thomas
Superintendent of Schools
January 2019

Student Assessment

2018 Official Accountability Report - Ralph C Mahar

Organization Information	
DISTRICT NAME	TITLE I STATUS
Ralph C Mahar (07550000)	Title I District
REGION	GRADES SERVED
West/Central	07,08,09,10,11,12

Accountability Information

Overall classification	Not requiring assistance or intervention	
Reason for classification	Partially meeting targets	
Progress toward improvement targets	Accountability percentile	
63% - Partially meeting targets	-	
This district's determination of need for special education technical assistance or intervention		
Meets requirements (MR)		

OVERALL AND SUBGROUP DATA	DETAILED DATA FOR EACH INDICATOR	SCHOOLS IN THIS DISTRICT
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Overall results

Progress toward improvement targets												
Indicator	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21			2021-22			2022-23		
				2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
Achievement	English language arts achievement	2	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-	4	-
	Mathematics achievement	4	4	-	4	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Science achievement	0	4	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-
	Achievement total	6	12	67.5	4	8	67.5	4	12	47.5	8	90.0
Growth	English language arts growth	3	4	-	1	4	-	3	4	-	-	-
	Mathematics growth	4	4	-	3	4	-	2	4	-	-	-
	Growth total	7	8	22.5	4	8	22.5	5	8	22.5	-	-
	Four-year cohort graduation rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	-	-	-
High school completion	Extended engagement rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	-	-	-
	Annual dropout rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	-	-	-
	High school completion total	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	20.0	-	-
	Progress toward attaining English language proficiency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additional indicators	English language proficiency total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Chronic absenteeism	0	4	-	4	4	-	4	4	-	-	-
	Advanced coursework completion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Additional indicators total	0	4	10.0	4	4	10.0	8	8	10.0	0	10.0
Weighted total		5.6	10.3	-	4.0	7.6	-	4.2	10.7	-	7.2	-
Percentage of possible points		54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-
Percentage of possible points by gradespan		54%										
Weight of non-high school results: 30%		63%										
Weight of high school results: 70%		63%										
Criterion-referenced target percentage		63%										
Partially meeting targets												



**FRANKLIN COUNTY REGIONAL HOUSING &
REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

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Franklin County Regional Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is pleased to provide you with this update on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Program in Orange for the period January 1 to December 31, 2018.

After a few years where HRA did not participate in Orange's CDBG application, the Town and HRA agreed in the fall of 2017 to collaborate on this competitive grant program. In July of 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) announced that Orange would receive \$800,000 in funds to work with low to moderate income homeowners on rehabilitation projects that address life-safety code issues in homes, as well as other maintenance and mobility related improvements. The application received the highest score of all 41 funded requests in the Commonwealth. The goal is to complete fifteen (15) housing unit rehabilitations at a cost of up to \$40,000 each.

Thirteen housing units are at some stage of participation in the process, which begins with a homeowner calling for an application. Staff in the Community Development Department work with Orange homeowners to determine: eligibility; identify and scope work to be done; assist in the securing of bids with the homeowner; and then oversee the selection and work of contractors.

To be income eligible to participate in this program, a household's maximum income can range from \$45,200 for a 1 person household up to \$74,900 for a household of 6 people. A complete income guidelines list can be obtained upon request.

We continue to seek additional program participants and welcome and encourage all inquiries. We have a new request in at DHCD, as we hope to maintain this program with the Town of Orange into the future. Please reach out to HRA staff so that we can reach our mutual goal of transforming homes in Orange into more energy efficient and safe spaces for those in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Glen Ohlund
Director of Community Development

2018 REPORT OF THE
FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

A review of recycling tonnage for 2018 shows a level amount of recycling tonnage compared to 2017. District residents recycled just over 3,000 tons of paper and containers. The recyclables were processed at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility and sold for reuse at domestic mills. Because of a long-term contract, town recycling programs have not been directly affected by the market disruptions in China.

In 2018, the District sponsored spring and fall “Clean Sweep” collections for bulky items, electronics, tires, appliances, and anything too big to fit into a trash bag. Over 60 tons of material were recycled or disposed of from the two collections. A total of 627 households participated in these collection events. That is 8% more participation than in 2017.

We held our annual household hazardous waste collection in September 2018. This event allows residents to properly dispose of toxic cleaners, automotive products, pesticides, and other toxic products. A total of 300 households participated in this event. 41% of participants were using the collection for the first time.

We applied for and received grants from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection worth \$90,000 for District towns. Some grant funding is a result of a town’s successful waste management infrastructure. Other grants include equipment to make town transfer stations more efficient.

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 413-772-2438 (MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 TTY/TDD), visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Jonathan Lagreze, Colrain – *Chair*
MA Swedlund, Deerfield – *Treasurer*

Chris Boutwell, Montague - *Vice-Chair*
Robbie Chiodo, Wendell - *Clerk*



Franklin Regional Council of Governments

FRCOG Services to Orange – 2018

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments provides a variety of services, programming and advocacy to the municipalities of Franklin County. Our Planning Department assists with local planning issues like zoning and hazard mitigation and also works on larger regional projects. Our municipal service programs – Collective Purchasing, Cooperative Public Health, Cooperative Inspection, and Town Accounting – are available to any municipality. We provide substance use and chronic disease prevention through our Partnership for Youth. And our Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Programs provide a variety of aid and assistance to our first responders and health emergency officials. The FRCOG's 2018 Annual Report, which will be available in April of 2019 and on www.frcog.org shortly thereafter, will highlight our work over the past year. FRCOG provided the following specific services to Orange in 2018:

Collective Bidding & Purchasing Program

- Contracted with Orange to receive collective bid pricing for up to 24 different highway products and services. Total estimated highway needs for FY19 is \$430,010. They are also eligible to participate in the Rental Equipment contract.
- Assisted the Town with the Heating and Diesel Fuel bids.
- Assisted the Town with the Fire Alarm Testing and Maintenance collective bid program.
- Assisted the Town with the Elevator Maintenance collective contract.

Partnership for Youth

- Conducted a Teen Health Survey to assess attitudes and behavior among students. Staff reported to R. C. Mahar Regional School District administrators results from 249 students, representing 72% of the 8th, 10th, and 12th grade classes. Survey data meets federal requirements for the school and is valuable for grant-writing and program planning.
- Used grant funding to provide a consultant to the R. C. Mahar Regional School District and Orange Elementary for technical assistance on school nutrition best practices and areas for improvement.
- Provided training, technical assistance, and evaluation for the evidence-based LifeSkills substance use prevention curriculum in the R. C. Mahar Regional School District.

Planning and Development Department

- Prepared an aerial image map for the Town to help with reviewing the 2020 Census address list.
- Completed a data request for a municipal official.
- Reviewed economic development planning activities that have been conducted in the town with new municipal staff.



- Prepared a town profile for the State's marketing of Opportunity Zones.
- Completed the Downtown Orange Parcel Study and draft Storymap project to assist with downtown economic development efforts.
- Worked with the project team for LaunchSpace (a collaborative work space for training and small business development) to prepare a federal EDA application.
- Prepared a site profile of a potential development opportunity for the 2018 Western Mass Developers Conference held in June in Springfield.
- Conducted traffic counts on Route 2A, North Main Street, and Lower Road as part of the regional traffic counting program.
- Updated and distributed the Walk Franklin County Map.
- Continued to work with MassDOT and the Town to advance the Orange North Main Street Transportation Improvement Program project.
- Printed a full set of design and engineering plans for the North Main Street reconstruction project.
- Continued to facilitate the work of the Route 2 Task Force related to safety improvements along the corridor.

Special Projects

- Organized and facilitated educational information meetings for members of Town energy committees, including presenting information on various topics and conducting follow-up communication.

Workshops & Training

The following list represents the FRCOG workshops and training sessions that Orange public officials, staff, and residents attended, and the number in attendance.

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Building Chemical Safety into Local Emergency Response Plans – 1

Municipal Official Continuing Education Series

Community Kitchens – 2

Growing Hemp – 2

Municipal Financial Management – 1

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Serving the Towns of Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan." – A Lincoln

FY18 ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

To the Citizens of the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts began providing for its needy veterans immediately following the Revolutionary War. In 1861, at the start of the Civil War, the state legislature formalized the assistance provided to veterans by establishing Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 115 and the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services (DVS).

DVS is the state's lead agency for overseeing the general welfare of the Commonwealth's nearly 400,000 living veterans. DVS establishes policy, proposes legislation, provides annual training, and ensures compliance with MGL Chapter 115 and other laws and regulations germane to serving veterans.

MGL Chapter 115: Section: 3B was passed into law by the Commonwealth during FY15 establishing the mandatory requirement whereby Directors of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers (VSO) must become legally certified. Mandatory recertification is required every three-years.

MGL Chapter 115 authorizes an eligible veteran to receive certain financial, medical, and other benefits earned by their military service. Services are available through the local area Director of Veterans' Services/Veterans' Services Officers living in one of the Commonwealth's 351 communities.

DISTRICT GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The Secretary – DVS authorized the Northeast Quabbin Veterans' Services District to begin operations in January 2006. DVS requires the district to reapply every two years to continue operations. On March 7, 2017 DVS granted approval for the district to continue operating through June 30, 2019.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 115: Section 11, for every authorized district, there shall be a Board of Directors. The board consists of a representative appointed by the Board of Selectmen from each member community. The Board establishes By-Laws to define district administration and operations compliant with MGL Chapter 115.

Led by the Director of Veterans' Services, the district serves veterans and dependents having a formal residence in Athol, Orange, Petersham, Phillipston and Royalston.

VETERANS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY THE DISTRICT

A. MGL Chapter 115

- 1. A program of financial and medical assistance that may be available to veterans and/or dependents based on eligibility requirements.
- 2. The following chart represents FY18 Veterans’ Benefits paid, by community, to its eligible veterans and/or dependents. Benefits paid are reimbursed at
- 3. 75% by the commonwealth.

FY18 VETERANS’ BENEFITS DATA

Town	Benefits Paid	State Reimbursements	% Reimbursed
Athol	\$203,273.24	\$152,465.07	75%
Orange	\$85,182.16	\$63,792.14	75%
Petersham	\$520.00	\$390.00	75%
Phillipston	\$8958.00	\$6718.50	75%
Royalston	\$0.00	\$0.00	75%

- 4. Burials in one of two Massachusetts Veterans’ Memorial Cemeteries, Winchendon and Agawam.
- 5. Women Veterans’ Network – Provides women veterans with information on benefits, expand awareness of the needs, and identify health and human resources to meet those needs.
- 6. Homeless prevention, Transitional Housing and outreach services.
- 7. Wartime Bonuses, Annuities, etc.
- 8. And more...

B. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

- 1. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA): Applications for Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) service-connected disabilities, pensions, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation, healthcare, veterans’ grave markers, and more.
 - a. VA Compensation & Benefits (VBA) paid nearly **\$7.6M** dollars in annual compensation to veterans, dependents and surviving spouses living in the district.
 - b. VA Central-Western-Massachusetts Healthcare System – Headquartered at Northampton VA Medical Center, Leeds has five Community Based Outpatient Clinics delivering medical treatment to over 25,000 veterans with an annual budget of **\$162.2M**.

2. Department of Defense (DOD): Military records; medical records; medals, decorations and awards not previously issued; applications to correct Military Records, and more.
3. Other Agencies including:
 - a. Massachusetts Department of Health & Human Services
 - b. Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development
 - c. U.S. Social Security Administration
 - d. U.S. Department of Labor
 - e. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
 - f. U.S. Department of Justice
 - g. Other Massachusetts & U.S. Departments and Agencies.

The office has seen an increase in the numbers of veterans applying for service-connected disabilities including most notably Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST), Agent Orange illnesses, Mesothelioma, and more.

Veterans with service-connected disabilities are eligible for VA Healthcare. All other veterans may be eligible for VA Healthcare based on defined criteria. Due to the Affordable Care Act, wartime and peacetime veterans may qualify for VA Healthcare.

I look forward to serving veterans, spouses, surviving spouse of a deceased veteran, and dependents formally residing in one of the District's communities.

Respectfully submitted,
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Director of Veterans' Service

